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Baker Beach Beauties



Lesbians and gays frolicked in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge over the Labor Day Weekend, enjoying the unexpected heat wave. (Photo: Jane Cleland)



Olympic Letter Reveals Homophobia

by Dennis Conkin

A group of Olympic Club members opposing the proposed change in the all-male club's bylaws to admit women is seeking proxy votes to overthrow the club's board of directors.

A special meeting of the club's membership has been called for Sept. 7.

According to a confidential letter circulated to the club's membership obtained by the *Bay Area Reporter*, the committee cites nine reasons the club should remain a "gentlemen's athletic club."

A major reason is that "if applied to the Olympic Club, the city's anti-discrimination ordinance would compel the club to open its membership

not only to women, but also to openly gay and lesbian individuals and people who are HIV positive," the letter states.

Apparently, non-discrimination will lead to domestic problems, the committee believes.

"No one has asked about the wives, sweethearts and

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Bush Remarks On AIDS Raise Eyebrows

'A Disease Spread by Behavior'

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — AIDS lobbyists reacted with puzzlement and disappointment Sept. 3 when, for the second time this summer, President Bush suggested to reporters that the federal government is spending \$4 billion in AIDS research a year, a figure they say has no basis in reality.

Answering reporters' questions outside his summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine, Bush made his AIDS comments when asked for his reaction to a demonstration in the resort village by 1,500 AIDS activists a day earlier.

"Here's a disease where you can control its spread by your own personal behavior. You can't do that in cancer," Bush told reporters.

He defended his AIDS record, saying that the government is spending \$4 billion "a year" for "AIDS research," far outstripping research spending for cancer and heart disease.

Bush said that he was in favor of "compassion" and "behavior change" to help stem the epidemic and added that his administration is against needle exchange programs to curb HIV infection among IV drug users.

Bush previously made virtually the same comment — again citing the \$4 billion figure — a month earlier commenting on the then-pending AIDS demonstration in Kennebunkport.

A series of spending bills presently in various stages of congressional action outline slightly over \$2 billion for all AIDS activities of the federal government, from AIDS education and research to hous-

ing, care and prevention.

The total figure in the House and Senate health spending measures, which mirror the president's budget proposal, includes only \$851.2 million for AIDS research.

AIDS lobbyists, who had been hoping for a \$3 billion total AIDS spending figure this year, were stunned to hear Bush's \$4 billion AIDS research figure.

Jeff Levi, lobbyist with the AIDS Action Council, said that Bush was coming up with the \$4 billion figure "out of thin air."

Trying to discern where the president would glean a number that is so far removed from the truth, Levi made an educated guess.

"They may come to \$4 billion with what is being spent on AIDS in Medicaid and Medicare (payments) and everything that comes out of the federal government combined. That's the only explanation one could come up with."

AIDS policy analysts with a number of other gay and AIDS lobbying groups could not be reached by deadline, as they were all still on vacation.

Levi also reacted with disappointment over Bush's other statements at the news conference.

"He's wrong on needles," Levi said. "Wrong on his negative comparison between HIV and cancer and he's generally out of touch on this issue."

"(Bush) is obviously out of touch," he concluded, "and his staff is poorly briefed. One wonders how well the Department of Health and Human Services communicates with the White House if they can't get this basic information across." ▼

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Tuberculosis and AIDS Spark Unexpected Crises

by Dave Gilden

Tuberculosis is the one AIDS-related opportunistic infection that threatens the HIV-negative population. But in HIV-negative people, modern drug combinations make TB easily treatable, with patients becoming noncontagious and able to resume their normal activities after the first few weeks of therapy.

TB in people with HIV is supposed to be eminently treatable, too. However, the addition of severe immune suppression creates unexpected complications that are just beginning to be unraveled.

TB can lie dormant for decades before causing any problems, and 90 percent of the people infected by the microbe live their entire lives without ever experiencing

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Correction

In last week's *Bay Area Reporter*, the outline that ran with the photo of a woman being tested for TB was incorrect. It should have read, "A client at a city health clinic talks about her X-ray, which does not reveal TB."

Neurological Basis for Sexuality?

by Karen Ocamb

LOS ANGELES — A new study by an eminent neuroscientist suggests that there may be a biological basis for homosexuality.

Dr. Simon LeVay, Ph.D., of the prestigious Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, has found that a segment of the brain that directs the sex drive is smaller in gay

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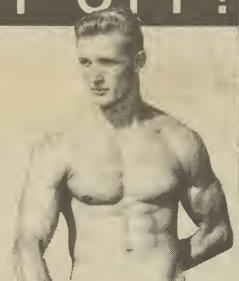
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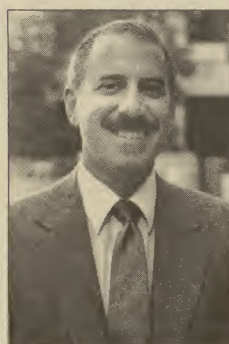
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Hispanics, Gays Protest Firing Of 'Houston Post' Columnist

United Press International

HOUSTON — A Hispanic group has called for people to cancel their subscriptions to the *Houston Post* in protest of the firing of columnist Juan Palomo.

Palomo, who is Hispanic, complained in another publication that his editors refused to let him declare his homosexuality in a recent column.

Upon his firing Aug. 30, Palomo said he did not believe his firing stemmed from racism or prejudice against homosexuals on the part of the editors.

But the Mexican American Democrats issued a statement Aug. 31 accusing the newspaper of discrimination.

"I have long been involved in both communities (gay and Hispanic). I know what racism and homophobia smell

like. We're up in arms about this whole thing," said Linda Morales, who is head of the Mexican American Democrats.

The group urged Hispanics and others concerned about Palomo to cancel their subscriptions to the newspaper and to write letters of protest.

"The action of the *Houston Post* on Friday, Aug. 30, in its firing of Hispanic columnist Juan Palomo is one unranked in any other action of discrimination in Houston, Texas. The *Houston Post* has joined the ranks of others by telling us that we as Hispanics do not count," a statement the Mexican American Democrats released at a news conference said.

The dispute between Palomo and his editors started in July with an interview in the weekly *Houston Press* news-

paper. Palomo said editors ordered him to cut the fact that he was a homosexual from a column about Paul Broussard, a banker killed as he left a gay bar.

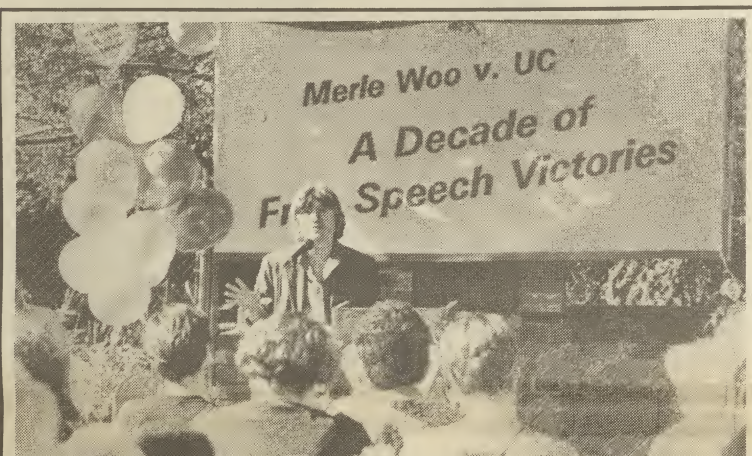
Police have called Broussard's death a case of gay bashing.

"It's a matter of pride and machismo," Palomo said. "They see me as threatening. They can't stand the idea of someone not toeing the line," he added of his editors.

Editor Charles Cooper said Palomo was offered an alternative job as columnist on the opinion page but turned it down.

"It's a basic difference of opinion between a writer and editor," Cooper said.

On Friday, angry *Post* reporters circulated a petition asking that Palomo be reinstated. ▼



Victory

The Merle Woo Defense Committee celebrated the outspoken lesbian activist and lecturer's settlement with the University of California at a party Sept. 1 in Berkeley. Woo recently won a \$75,000 settlement after a nine-year discrimination and arbitration battle with UC. Above, Woo addresses supporters.

(Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

Hallmark Lifts Restriction On Customized 'Lesbian' Cards

by Ben Carlson

Hallmark Cards Inc. has lifted the ban on the word "lesbian" from its new Personalize It! customized greeting card system in response to lobbying by members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

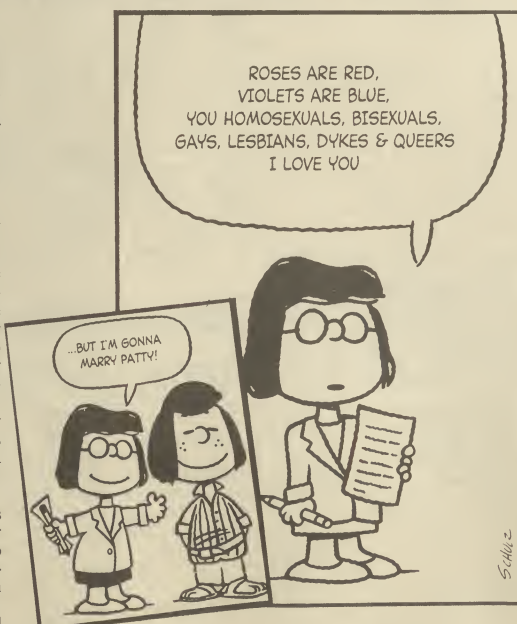
"We agree that this word should not have been included in the restricted word list. It was an oversight and we are making the necessary adjustments," Don Freberg, the greeting card titan's manager of consumer affairs, wrote to GLAAD/San Francisco Bay Area Co-Chair Jesse Greenman.

Indeed, customers can now freely enliven the Kansas City-based firm's myriad cards with "lesbian" and several other gay-related words.

The system, which allows customers to use a computer to insert personal words into preprinted messages or to create original messages from scratch, "blocks" certain offensive sexual and scatological terms.

As GLAAD/Los Angeles Outreach Co-Chair Charlotte

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A customized Hallmark card using the Personalize It! system, complete with formerly forbidden words.

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Fired FBI Agent Wants Documents Released

by Dennis Conkin

A gay man who was a special agent for the FBI has asked a San Francisco Federal Court Magistrate to release concealed documents concerning polygraph testing.

Frank Buttino, a special agent stationed in the San Diego field office of the FBI, held a top-secret security clearance and served as a counter-intelligence agent for more than two decades for the agency.

In September 1989, he had his security clearance suspended following an investigation resulting from an anonymous tip that he was gay.

Although Buttino freely admitted that he was homosexual and San Diego FBI supervisors continued to assign him to sensitive cases, FBI officials in Washington, DC, ordered his security clearance revoked last May and fired him in June.

The Sept. 4 hearing before U.S. Magistrate Wayne Brazil will determine whether the FBI is required to give Buttino documents about a reliable polygraph technique they failed to use during their investigation of Buttino's private sexual conduct since he was 10 years old.

According to attorney Richard Gayer, the FBI alleges that a nude photograph of a torso shot of a man that is supposedly Buttino was sent to a person that Buttino

had corresponded with.

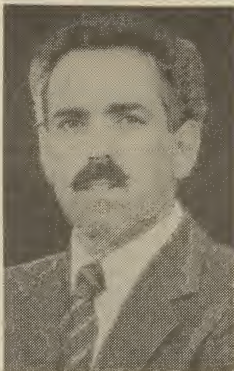
Gayer said that the FBI's claim that Buttino lied about the existence of the photograph was based on "unreliable polygraph tests conducted by a hostile examiner," and that the photograph was never found and that the FBI never even saw it.

"There never was a photograph," Gayer said. "If there was, what does it matter? The FBI investigator said that he believes there was never such a photograph."

The court proceeding is the latest in a series involving the highly commended officer. Hearings are scheduled in October on a motion to amend his complaint to a class-action suit.

Previously denied without prejudice by U.S. District Court Judge Eugene Lynch, the motion will be heard by Judge Sandra Armstrong, formerly of the Alameda County Superior Court.

According to Gayer, Buttino



Frank Buttino

no has supported the motion with sworn statements from several former employees and one applicant who alleges sexual-orientation employment discrimination.

The FBI's practice of inquiring into details of homosexual sex whenever there is a hint of it in the agency shows that the FBI has an anti-gay policy, Gayer said.

An FBI spokesman told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the FBI does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring. ▼

Sailors Plead Nolo In Gay Bashings

by Dennis Conkin

Three U.S. Navy sailors and a civilian pleaded no contest in Superior Court on Aug. 29 to felony assault and hate-crimes charges stemming from a gay-bashing spree on Polk Street last month.

The plea is considered an admission of guilt and the sailors will be sentenced Sept. 28 in Department 20.

Assistant District Attorney Ken Cady said he recommended that the men be sentenced to six months in San Francisco County Jail, with three years' probation. The assailants will also be required to make restitution to the victims.

"I'm very happy with the disposition of the case. I hope it sends a message to sailors coming to town during Fleet Week that we're not going to tolerate expeditions of flag bashing," Cady said.

"The police were very good. They were very helpful. I wish they could have gotten more time," said Andrew Allen, who was a victim of an

assault by the men.

Empress Caresse de San Francisco, who was also attacked, was not available for comment at press time.

According to Cady, the men may also face military prosecution and probable discharge from the Navy for the crimes.

"The military has the option of prosecuting them on their own for the crimes and it's not double jeopardy," he said.

In the August bashing spree, Alonzo Bell, Calvin Moore and Isiah Frazier, who were stationed aboard the USS Antietam, were involved in several assaults. Tony Maple, a civilian, was also charged. In one of the incidents, a 26-year-old gay man was beaten after one of the sailors threatened to kill him.

In another incident, the group beat two gay men over the head with bottles.

In a third incident, a gay man was beaten and his head rammed into a car windshield. ▼

Hallmark

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Innes discovered this summer when she tried to create cards for participants in the San Diego Gay & Lesbian Pride Weekend, "lesbian" was among those terms.

According to Innes, she then called Hallmark and was told by Media Relations Director Renee Hershey that the word was blocked because it might be used "in a derogatory way."

Unsatisfied, Innes wrote a letter to Freberg, protesting that the policy suggested that "to be a lesbian is a bad thing."

At the same time, Greenman, who had received information about the policy through the information network that links GLAAD chapters, wrote a letter of her own. Greenman's letter elicited Freberg's conciliatory response.

Freberg's letter, dated Aug. 21, indicated that the word would be unblocked, while Hallmark will continue to "restrict certain words or phrases in order to uphold (its) corporate identity, beliefs, and values."

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Community News

Needle Program Faces Test As Exchanger Goes on Trial

by Dave Gilden

The strategy of preventing the spread of AIDS by supplying drug addicts with clean syringes faces another legal test this week.

In a Berkeley courtroom Scott Halem, a member of the local underground needle-exchange program NEED, goes on trial for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Halem was arrested July 4 when police for the second time broke up the needle distribution taking place on Berkeley's San Pablo Avenue.

The police have not disturbed NEED's operation since then.

According to Berkeley Police Capt. Phil Doran, "Everyone's waiting for the trial to clear up the issue as to whether the community will support prosecuting these people."

During the wait for the trial, public organizations in Alameda County have swung more and more behind the concept of needle exchanges. This week seven of nine Berkeley city councilors issued a statement calling on local officials to cooperate with needle exchange efforts in the fight against AIDS.

"The only legal action that

should be taken is to challenge the outdated state law which forbids the sale of clean needles," the statement read.

During a news conference, city councilors expressed the opinion that stopping needle exchanges was a low police priority, although Capt. Doran refused to confirm this in an interview. Councilors also came out in favor of the pilot needle-exchange program advocated last week by the Alameda County AIDS Advisory Board.

After nearly a year of debate, the AIDS Advisory Board finally reached consensus around supporting a pilot study to assess the effectiveness of needle exchanges in reducing the transmission of HIV.

"We're not interested in supporting just any exchange of needles," the board's chairman, Steve Graham, said, "but a responsible one that includes treatment on demand and basic health services."

Safe sex and other AIDS prevention efforts were also included in the board's needle-exchange proposal.

Graham noted that a June 29 conference sponsored by the African American AIDS Coalition of Alameda County

enabled the AIDS Advisory Board to break its logjam. That conference issued a statement espousing the pilot program idea as well as drug treatment on demand.

Bolstering the board's position, the National AIDS Commission in a July report, "The Twin Epidemics of Substance Abuse and HIV," also recommended legalizing needle-exchange programs and the possession of injection drug equipment.

Halem is represented by attorney William Simpich, who also represented the defendants in a similar trial last spring in San Mateo.

At the earlier trial, Simpich used a "defense of necessity," in which he argued that his clients broke the law in favor of a greater good (AIDS prevention), and he plans to do so again this time. The San Mateo trial ended in a hung jury, with the jurors voting 11 to one in favor of acquittal.

NEED spokeswoman Rindi Campbell said that regardless of the trial's outcome, NEED would persist in its endeavors. ▼



GLAAD Co-Chair Byron Potts in the organization's new Castro Street office.

(Photo: Marc Geller)

GLAAD Moves to Castro Street

by Ben Carlson

The San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation relocated its office to the Castro district over the Labor Day weekend.

The new office, located in the same building that houses Community United Against Violence at 514 Castro, will increase the group's visibility and direct connection to the city's lesbian and gay community.

GLAAD leaders hope the convenience of the new location will also attract more volunteers for the media watchdog group.

"We're an entirely volunteer-run organization," Co-Chair Byron Potts said, "and our volunteer needs are increasing."

According to Potts,

GLAAD's volunteer growth areas include direct action; distributing fliers; participating in the group's phonetree; monitoring radio, TV and print media; and community relations work such as staffing booths at street fairs.

Potts said that GLAAD also needs to increase its fundraising efforts in order to keep pace with its increased workload.

GLAAD/SFBA's move comes at a time when it is taking on an expanded role as part of GLAAD USA, the emerging network of GLAAD chapters nationwide.

In the absence of a national office, local GLAAD "hub" chapters have specific national responsibilities, and as the "activation hub," GLAAD/SFBA will coordinate all national activations.

For example, when

GLAAD USA activated in protest over the PBS decision to pull the gay-themed film, *Stop the Church*, from its national programming recently, GLAAD/SFBA was instrumental in coordinating the activation. Protests were staged in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston and elsewhere.

Despite the complications of a pending move, GLAAD/SFBA Response Committee Chair Hollie Conley said, "Everything worked like a dream. We polled the individual chapters, and everyone supported the action."

GLAAD/SFBA will continue to hold its regular monthly public meetings on the third Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Women's Building at 3543 18th St. in San Francisco. For more information, call 861-4588. ▼



Jasmine, a PAWS volunteer, takes Sidney, a cocker spaniel and PAWS dog, out for a run.

(Photo: Jane Cleland)

Volunteers Needed

Pets Are Wonderful Support Being Taxed to the Limit

by Vicky Greenbaum

Pets Are Wonderful Support may be forced to limit its client base, Executive Director Leah Talley said, "to 500 beginning Sept. 1."

Serving people with AIDS who need outside help in caring for their pets, PAWS operates out of a church basement office, with 400 volunteers spread throughout the community to walk dogs, groom cats, feed hamsters, and clean goldfish bowls.

"In a given week," Talley said, "the volunteers distribute 300 pounds of dry dog food, 20 cases of canned dog food, 40 cases of canned cat food, 1,000 pounds of litter, and provide care for the animals themselves."

Since the group was founded in 1987, the number of clients has grown from 50 to more than 500, an increase of 1,000 percent in just four years.

Two paid staff members coordinate food distribution and volunteer care for pets.

"These people are great,

but it's just not enough," Talley said.

PAWS receives no state or local funding and operates solely through public and corporate donations.

"We hope to find volunteer support, and we're always looking for more funding," Talley emphasized.

AIDS patients need their pets. For some, a pet is the most constant, loyal and comforting companion they have, and the comfort is mutual.

One pet, Sarah, describing herself as "a shaggy dark-haired mutt," told the *Bay Area Reporter* that she developed a special cuddling sprawl, perfect for draping herself over the chest of her bedridden companion.

Calvin Roberts, companion to Cervana, a red chow, said, "Cervana needs loving just as much as I do."

Cervana knows how to beg for affection, which is more important to her than food and water.

Walkers from PAWS come twice a day for Cervana because "she can't hold it for

a whole day," Roberts said. If PAWS weren't around to help out, Roberts and others like him would have to give up their pets.

"There are a number of situations where, if they didn't have their pet, some people wouldn't still be with us," Roberts said.

Pets cannot contract AIDS or pass it along, Talley said, mentioning one of the points covered during special orientation workshops given volunteers who are interested in providing pet care.

"We cover many topics in the workshops, like how to make friends with a pet, how to avoid burnout, how to deal with psychosocial AIDS issues."

Unless PAWS receives needed support, they will "place names on a waiting list and accept new clients only as space is available to maintain the 500-client base," according to Talley.

So, if you need some exercise, volunteer to walk a dog today. Call 824-4040 for more information. ▼

AIDS Early Intervention Resource Center to Open

by Dennis Conkin

A long-awaited AIDS Early Intervention Resource Center will open Oct. 1 at 18th and Folsom streets.

The center is a joint effort by more than a dozen local AIDS agencies in San Francisco including the University of California AIDS Health Project and the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention of the National Association of Black and White Men Together.

The center is funded through contracts between the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the participating agencies.

The agencies will provide multicultural, multilingual outreach, case management services, education and psychosocial support to people who are newly diagnosed with HIV and people with AIDS.

Michael Mitchell, formerly with the Clinical Research Section of the AIDS Program at San Francisco General Hospital, has been named the EIRC site manager.

"The existence of an early intervention resource center will bring an exciting new dimension to the delivery of services to individuals affected with HIV in San Francisco," Mitchell said in a press

release about his appointment.

The center is expected to provide services to an estimated 2,500 people during its first year of operation.

"It's a major step. There's no doubt about that," said Al Cunningham, media coordinator of the NTFAP.

Cunningham said the EIRC would encourage all people of color, including gay and bisexual men of color, to receive essential early intervention services.

"It's one of the most important services in San Francisco," Cunningham said. "It will also have a ripple effect around the country as people look at early intervention."

The center was part of a \$3.8 million AIDS package approved last year by the Board of Supervisors. ▼

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Editorial

Why Be Stunned?

We note with mischievous glee that the experts in American medicine are stunned and shocked by President Bush's remarks on AIDS during the Labor Day weekend. The president's remarks came at a Monday news briefing, one day after hundreds and hundreds of AIDS activists staged a "die in" and, chanting, marched near the president's summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine. Mr. Bush stated, "Here's a disease where you can control its spread by your own personal behavior. You can't do that in cancer."

The president obviously doesn't listen to his own Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan.

In an interview that was published recently and widely reported in the mainstream press, Mr. Sullivan stressed that "the top 10 causes of death and disability are conditions which are heavily influenced by personal behavior." This has been the main theme of the Health and Human Services Department of Mr. Bush's administration. It is truly a shame when the boss doesn't read the reports by his cabinet members. The leading causes of death in this country are heart disease and cancer. Both of these diseases in most cases can be averted or prevented by basic behavioral changes. To take the AIDS crisis and set it apart from these other diseases is an unforgivable act of spite and get-even tactics we have come to associate with the Bush administration.

This administration has consistently curtailed spending money for AIDS education services. This is the only sure way to stop this disease in the future. The same thing happens in the prevention of heart disease and many forms of cancer. We must not forget that Bush supported Jesse Helms who, in turn, is supported strongly by the tobacco industry. Over 140,000 Americans died last year from lung cancer. We must remind Mr. Bush that changes in personal behavior, e.g., stop smoking, could have prevented those deaths too. Mr. Bush, when your own Department of Agriculture and Food and Drug Administration wished to change the concept of basic food groups, it was your office that caved in to the pressure of the meat and dairy lobbies and the new guidelines were backshelved once again. Excessive consumption of meat and dairy products causes heart disease.

The pattern is quite clear. The Bush administration doesn't give a damn about the health of this country or its citizens. It's whatever the big money people want that Mr. Bush caters to and delivers for.

While some of the medical experts in this country are stunned by the ineptitude of the president and his administration, we in the gay community are not. We have learned that this administration is just as evil as the Reagan administration was. Mr. Bush just covers it up a little better. He is stepping up the policies of his idol, Ron Reagan, and moving the bigoted agenda of the right, white conservative minority in this country. He is surrounded by fundamentalists and his National Institutes of Health's top scientists are all Mormons. We sincerely hope the country gets over being stunned all the time and wakes up before all of its rights are taken away by the monied right-wing power brokers. May you rot in hell, Mr. President!

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Guest Opinion

Tribute to a Gay Republican

These are the reflections of an eco-social Democrat on the death of a gay Republican. What follows is perhaps odd, coming from a radical organizer. That such a thing can happen is food for thought about the movement for emancipation of people who are transgender, bisexual, lesbian or gay.

Ronald Grant Kershaw was the president of the United Log Cabin Clubs of California and helped found the San Francisco Chapter of Affirmation: Gay and Lesbian Mormons. When Ron recently died after a brief struggle with AIDS-related illness, the movement lost a resonant, stalwart voice.

Ron and I only knew each other for about two years. We interacted mostly by phone, fax and mail. Born and raised a Mormon in Idaho in an upper-middle-class doctor's family, a graduate of Brigham Young University who became a comparatively wealthy, Republican accountant, Ron had little to compare to my East Coast, working-class Democratic, Welsh and Italian-pagan-Catholic background. Ron was most comfortable with cocktail parties and assimilation. My style of comfort includes cafe discourse, faeries tripping and humpy boys in leather.

At the reception after Ron's memorial service, the lone mourner clad in activist black drag, I found myself having to explain — in 15 words or less — to the assorted suits and mayoral candidates how I knew Ron. After a few tries, I condensed it to "I was the loyal opposition." Craig, Ron's lover, approved.

The memorial service itself was a testament to Ron's work. I never imagined I would see some of the people there together in the same room smiling at each other. Ron excelled at finding common ground with people and trying to make a vision together of the common good. Ron was not simply a good coalition partner, he was the conjunction between many seemingly opposing people, ideas and things.

I first encountered him while I was organizing a pilot national training program for young lesbian and gay community activists. As is usually the case, most of the community's loudest voices had something critical to say about the project, ranging from calling it a new "gay est" to a "front for ACT UP." Ron's pragmatism gave me warm references back to Harvey Milk. He called to make sure there would be an adequate representation of young Republicans in the program and wanted to know what he could do to ensure that happening.

In a swamp of "wait and see" potential donors, Byzantine organizational conflicts and anarchists with utopian illusions, Ron's brass-tacks approach was refreshing. After the pilot ended and I left, burned out, questioning whether anything had been accomplished, two people immediately tracked me down to give me pep talks and a new reveille: Vito Russo and Ron Kershaw, opposite ends of the spectrum. Vito died very soon thereafter, and now Ron has followed, but both of their legacies will, I hope, live on.

Vito often referred to gay Republicans as "kapos." Kapos were Jewish prisoners who acted as enforcers for the Nazis in the concentration camps. In many ways, after the terror of the Reagan presidency, I also had felt that anyone who was part of the lesbian and gay community and could remain loyal to the Republican Party must somehow face the same kind of dissonance.

Ron never lacked for a quick criticism of the latest street action. He had a number of unflattering names for members of Queer Nation and SANO. But he never attacked them as individuals, and he always tried to give the benefit of the doubt to their intentions. He just had a hard time seeing where the productivity was in confrontation.

On this, as on economics, and other issues, Ron and I were at odds. But as we did find a few common points to advance together, each in our own way, something important happened. We started to learn from each other and to develop an ethic of working together.

We both, for example, held disdain for the fatuous argument that vandalism and witch hunts are somehow useful or effective means of holding leaders accountable. We both thought that politicians and captains of industry who still hide in the closet yet reap the social benefits of the community are unconscionable. We both realized that we were acting under the same organizing principle: *be effective by any means necessary*. We both came to understand the necessity of both of our approaches to change.

I also came to understand the value of having well-placed activists, with whom I shared some degree of common agenda, involved in the party that controlled the courts and the executive branch. I saw in Ron the enactment of the idea that to drive a wedge you must begin with the sharp, narrow end. He saw through me that once the narrow end was in, it would mean the rest of the wedge would follow through, perhaps somewhat blunting the edge, but ultimately making the room lumber.

At a time in which the meanness and backstabbing in our "community" have reached a fever pitch, this moment recalling Ron Kershaw's contribution and example could bring a much-needed sigh of "enough." We know how to yell at each other and call each other names and question each other's intentions really well. If we could pause and begin to learn how to talk to each other, if we could lay out our intentions on the table and find out where they might meet and then act, if more of us would engage in *conjecturing* rather than merely deconstructing, it would be a fitting tribute to Ron. And regardless of Ron, and he surely would point out, it would make us more successful at what we're aiming to do. Here is my farewell to you, Ron. Goodbye, comrade. I will miss you.

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Dykes on Bikes Correction

★ Alan David Kalbrofsky's article in the *B.A.R.* concerning the Women's Motorcycle Contingent of the annual Gay Parade was an insult to journalism.

Next time, he should consider doing a little research. The information that Kalbrofsky presents is all derived from Dawn Moore's letter to the Gay Parade.

For one thing, exactly which "representatives" of the WMC did he try to reach for comment? I have spoken to eight regular members (we average about eight to 12 at each meeting), who all have answering machines, and not one of us received a call.

Also, Moore is the only person I know of who thinks that the name was discussed on July 17 (we were selling T-shirts at the parade that said Women's Motorcycle Contingent ...). Her claim that the WMC Committee changed the name from Dykes on Bikes to Women's Motorcycle Contingent is downright ridiculous. The original name was copyrighted by an individual several years ago and therefore became inaccessible to women bikers, and we've been formally known as the Women's Motorcycle Contingent since then.

Her other claim, that we "moved to admit gay men," is equally unfounded. Men who have chosen to ride with the contingent have traditionally been allowed to ride at the back. This year, however, we had the situation for the first time that a women's bike club with a male patchholder wanted to ride, and we realized that we needed to formalize the policy. It's never been an issue before and the intention of discussing the matter in the first place was to avoid it becoming an issue in the future.

As for the rest of it, Dawn makes us out to be some kind of power-mongers, trying to dictate to the entire lesbian biker community. She demands that we bring "the issue" up before the full membership and refuses to acknowledge the difficulty of defining what that means.

Our full membership theoretically includes all the dykes (and men?) who have ridden in all of the previous parades and intend to in the future.

The WMC Committee happens to be made up of the people who have the time and energy, and who care enough about the contingent, to organize and raise funds for it year round. And anyone is welcome to attend the meetings, participate in the discussions and planning, give constructive criticism, and have as much voting power as the rest of us. Even Dawn.

Sabine Balden
San Francisco, CA

Editor's Note:
We stand corrected. Alan Kalbrofsky no longer works for the Bay Area Reporter.

Our Best Bet

★ San Francisco's lesbian/gay/bisexual communities have undergone many changes and additions to our ranks. Many newcomers may be unaware of our political history in the city.

Richard Hongisto has been there for us since the early '60s when he was an officer with the Police Community Relations unit. He was a co-founder of the (black) Officers for Justice, was the only white officer to join and still maintains his membership. Hongisto is committed to a police force that is sensitive to the concerns of minority communities from every part of the city.

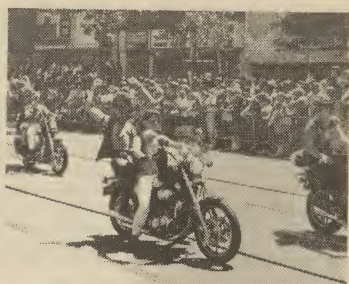
In the '70s, Sheriff Hongisto was the first in law enforcement to actively recruit lesbian and gay deputies. He went to Florida to boost the campaign opposing Anita Bryant's religious crusade against homosexuals in Dade County. In the '80s Supervisor Hongisto fought for domestic partnership protection, won a national non-discrimination policy from General Motors and developed the first ever HIV Early Intervention Center plan.

Of all the candidates for mayor, Richard Hongisto has the most management experience, an important requisite for the job. He opposes land development schemes by out-of-town developers who rob our open spaces, hurt our neighborhoods and diminish the quality of life in our city. He wrote San Francisco's abortion rights policy and the gender parity amendment and enacted a law ending discrimination against women in laundry pricing.

Don't be confused by the Agnos camp's media campaign aimed at driving Hongisto out of the mayor's race. Richard Hongisto has never flinched from controversy. He is very definitely in the race to win. He is a consistent leader of government reforms, progressive politics and social justice.

San Francisco is in a state of crisis. We want a city we can live in. Richard Hongisto is our best bet for mayor.

Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon
San Francisco, CA



★ The members in attendance of the last meeting of the Women's Motorcycle Contingent (Aug. 28) voted 24-1-1 to demand a retraction of Alan David Kalbrofsky's journalistic promulgation of misinformation.

This article, printed in Aug. 22, 1991 *B.A.R.*, was taken at the word of one person, and at no time did Mr. K. attempt to contact any other member of the contingent, most of whom have answering machines.

There are two main points which need to be addressed:

- 1) The members of the WMC are those women who show up at the meetings. The meetings are open to all women bikers and their friends, and there are no elections, leaders or by-laws. The women present on July 17 discussed policies concerning the placement of men within the Contingent on Gay Pride Day and voted on it 14-1. It is as follows:
 - a) All women's clubs and female independent riders are drawn in a lottery and comprise the main body of the contingent that lead it.
 - b) Women's clubs with less than 50 percent male patchholders are drawn in a separate lottery and follow behind the main body.
 - c) Men's groups and male independent riders are last.
 - d) All female riders, with the exception of the pace bikes in front and the road captains, may take any passenger of their choice on the back, male or female.
- 2) The name of the contingent was changed in the mid-'80s from Dykes on Bikes to Women's Motorcycle Contingent. Kalbrofsky's statement that the name change was brought about on July 17, 1991, is completely inaccurate and should be retracted.

If any of your readers would like to talk to the women involved, get their own impression of what's going on, or would just like to participate in suggesting and coordinating events, please come to the meetings, which are held on alternate Wednesday evenings at Amelia's, at 7 p.m. (the next one is Sept. 11), or write to The Women's Motorcycle Contingent, c/o L.B. Gunn, P.O. Box 14842, San Francisco, CA 94114.

The Women's Motorcycle Contingent
San Francisco, CA

Progressive Christians

★ It is widely known that hard-line fundamentalist preachers are leading the attack on lesbians and gays in California. It is not so widely known that their attacks are directed at a wide array of other groups as well.

Fundamentalist preachers demand a rigid, literal interpretation of every chapter and verse in the Bible. Based upon this literalism, they condemn divorced people as being sinful and those who practice birth control as being immoral. They contend that dancing is wicked and that women who speak in church are shameful.

Their insistence on inflexible literalism leads them to the bizarre conclusions that children who curse their parents should be put to death (Exodus 21:15,17) and that Jews are children of the Devil (John 8:39-44). Obviously, these repugnant beliefs are totally unacceptable to the vast majority of Americans.

In contrast, progressive Christians accept the reality that it is not rational to interpret every passage of the Bible literally. They acknowledge the Bible as being a beautiful guide to what is inherently a gentle, kind and compassionate religion. They rejoice in its message that we are all children of God and that all people — gay, bisexual and straight — should be treated with love and dignity and respect.

Karl Laurenson
Sacramento, CA

Golden Opportunity

★ The Harmonic Convergence was the Opening of the Window, the 11:11 is the Opening of the Doorway. January 11, 1992, is the date for this golden opportunity for us to begin entering a new level of awareness of our Oneness.

Thank you and enjoy.

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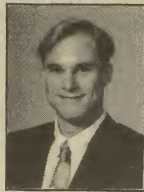
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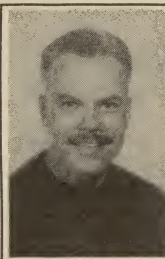
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Letters

We Beg to Differ

★ While we have no quarrel with Michael Botkin's right to report only one side of a story, as he so clearly did in his piece on moving the 1992 International AIDS Conference, we believe he still has an obligation to tell the truth. Project Inform's position in favor of keeping the conference in Boston was not initiated by myself, but was a response to the heartfelt demands of AIDS patients who came to us in desperation when they realized the political ineffectiveness of the group-think strategy demanding that the conference be moved. Those who came to us were people whose lives were on the line in the next 12 months. They convinced me (not the other way around) that the needs of patients would be ill-served by moving the conference and thereby abandoning the powerful political platform it would have provided to fight the immigration policy and the myriad other failures of the Reagan-Bush administration during the presidential campaign. I'd be proud to take credit for the wise political thought and courage which led them to this position, but in fact, they got there long before me.

Botkin attacked not only our position, without stating it, but our integrity, falling in line with some of the other hysterical broadsides launched against us by those who made moving the conference, at any price, their goal. *Project Inform* has no "paid supporters within ACT UP," and we demand a retraction from the B.A.R. for that libelous and ludicrous accusation. And for the record, B.A.R. readers should note that our position was not an attempt to create the appearance of a division within the activist community but was, in fact, merely one public expression of widespread dissent. This debate was carried on within ACT UP groups throughout the nation, was led by highly visible public figures like Jay Lipner and Larry Kramer, and was fought for intensely by a barrage of others behind the scenes from New York to Los Angeles. The only ones trying to create a false public impression were those attempting to move the conference, who successfully convinced the B.A.R. that there was no dissent on this issue. Unfortunately, those having the courage to raise the question of political effectiveness in the debate were met with screaming attacks on their character by the mud-slingers on the other side who couldn't see anything but their own point of view.

Too bad Botkin merely listened to a couple of people on one side of this debate. Had he taken the time to do some research, he would have found a much more interesting story and would have done a better job of informing the B.A.R.'s readers. Mark our words: wherever the 1992 conference is held now, it will fail to make AIDS — or immigration policy — an issue in the campaign. Moreover, it will provide but one more fading echo of this nation's rapidly crumbling fight against AIDS. AIDS patients worldwide, and would-be immigrants, will be the big losers.

Martin Delaney, Director
Project Inform
San Francisco, CA

Apologize, Don't Criticize

★ Anyone with experience in city government knows that the Board of Supervisors does not have the power to add to the mayor's budget, but only to make further cuts. The time to lobby for funding pet programs is before the mayor finalizes his/her budget. After all these years Harry Britt should know that Supervisors Carole Migden and Angela Alioto are both in their first term and learning. The trio's theatrics may have made headlines giving the impression that they were foiled champions of funding for AIDS and other health issues. During the debate, Alioto admitted she didn't know the proper procedure for upping the ante for Mount Zion Hospital's Mental Health Crisis Center. Her answer was to run for mayor. But Mayor Art Agnos can tell you the consequences of on-the-job training.

In the meantime, Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg submitted the health-care resolution that recommends to the mayor and the Health Commission the spending of \$7 million to \$9 million of federal matching funds. It calls for priority funding of a lesbian and gay youth center, HIV programs especially for people of color and women, Mount Zion's Mental Health Crisis Center and AIDS early intervention centers. The resolution was passed by the board and signed by the mayor.

In fact, Supervisor Achtenberg was part of the solution, not part of the problem. Those who doubted her integrity owe her an apology.

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon
San Francisco, CA

Necessary Clarification

★ For those who may have attended the Continuum HIV Day Services fundraiser at Harry Denton's restaurant, or have seen the event reported in Continuum's summer newsletter, we wish to clarify our association with Mr. Denton.

Mr. Denton offered Continuum the opportunity to use the opening of his new restaurant as the occasion for a fundraiser featuring Nell Carter on April 25, 1991. The investigation of Mr. Denton's illegal activities was not made public until June 13. Had we known of such conduct prior to the event, you can be assured that we would have chosen another location.

The fundraiser was highlighted in our subsequent newsletter because it was an extremely important event to Continuum. It provided us the opportunity to introduce ourselves to many potential donors, volunteers and caregivers. Nell Carter's appearance, both at our program site and at Denton's provided our participants a memorable opportunity to meet a star who had herself recently lost a brother to AIDS. Reference to the location of the fundraiser and Mr. Denton's appearance in a picture with our "headliner" Nell Carter should in no measure be construed as indicative of our support or approval of his illegal drug-related conduct.

The Continuum board and staff are committed to the fight against drug abuse. Many of the participants in our program have experienced the horror of drug addiction and maintain a constant struggle to remain drug free and we have a full-time substance abuse counselor on site providing support to those who need it and training for staff. Unfortunately, drugs and AIDS are often fatal partners; we at Continuum recognize our responsibility and are meeting the challenge in fighting both.

Bruce L. Cronander, Board President
Continuum
San Francisco, CA

Talk About Perverts

★ Reading about the campaign to repeal the Domestic Partners legislation, I find it very perverted that these breeders who want to deny us the same opportunities they demand and take and, worse, expect, want to repeal this law. They should be down on their knees kissing our asses for supporting them, not trying to make our lives harder so they can freeload off of single people (which includes gays and lesbians).

Classified as a single person, I have no "wife" and no children, but I have to pay to send their kids to preschool, school and college. Forget the stupid question who paid for my education because the answer is my gay brothers and sisters did. I cannot take my lover for half fare or my child free on the airlines, buses or trains yet we have to pay for their freeloading while they take up the same amount of space my lover's butt or my butt takes in these same seats. We have to pay two full fares. My lover cannot be admitted free or at half price for many events or be admitted free on Ladies Day (nice for our gay sisters but not for our gay brothers). We have to both pay full price while the breeders' wives get in free. We do not send our "wives/husbands" or children off to the hospital or "wife/husband" or child beating centers. Yet we have to pay to support the problems they create which costs us money to correct.

If we were not having to waste all this money and time trying to educate these creatures we have supported all our lives, society would be further advanced and you would not have all this hate they infect into their children to carry on. Talk about perverts!

Vernon Link
San Francisco, CA



Shameful Allegations

★ The members of the Police Officers Association ought to be ashamed of themselves. In recent weeks, we have read and heard about unfair allegations in the POA that several lesbian and gay officers in the SFPD were given preferential treatment by being allowed to march in uniform in this year's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. Vicious lies have been circulated that these officers engaged in unseemly behavior during the parade and that they were all paid to participate.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Only a few of the officers got paid that day — those officers had been assigned to the parade and worked more than eight hours without a break. The others volunteered and were rightfully allowed to march.

The allegations of unseemly behavior are pure nonsense. The officers behaved well — better than officers I have seen at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, for example, the 49ers celebrations, and more to the point, during the Castro Street police riot on Oct. 6, 1989.

Let us be very clear about allegations of preferential treatment. They reflect a growing and dangerous backlash among white, male, heterosexual SFPD officers against women, people of color and sexual minorities on the force. The POA ought to be condemning this backlash, not encouraging it. Shame.

David Witkin
San Francisco, CA

Urge Wilson to Sign AB 101

Sacramento insiders now say that Gov. Pete Wilson has gotten cold feet on the so-called "gay rights bill" and there is real fear that the Republican governor will indeed go the way of his predecessor, George Deukmejian, and veto the bill when it finally reaches his desk.

Though Wilson indicated only months ago that he would "very likely" sign the bill when it passed the Legislature, many watching the fate of AB 101 feel that he has buckled to the Republican Party's right wing and changed his mind.

In an effort to pick up some GOP support, particularly that of Wilson himself, Assemblyman Terry Friedman, the measure's author, killed off the housing discrimination part of the bill, leaving AB 101 to apply only to employment discrimination. The question is whether that move is enough to persuade Wilson to ever sign the bill.

Wilson, thought to be more sympathetic to gay rights than Deukmejian ever was, has apparently been swayed by conservatives within his party as well as a threat by the Rev. Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition that they would put a referendum on the June 1992 ballot to repeal the law.

Wilson and his appointed U.S. Senator, John Seymour, fear this move, especially in light of a promised tough primary fight by anti-gay Rep. William Dannemeyer, the homophobic congressman who has repeatedly referred to Seymour as being "promiscuous."

Friedman, who met with Wilson last week in an attempt to convince the governor that he should indeed sign the legislation when he does eventually get it, says that he is still "hopeful" of Wilson's approval, but this gay rights bill is far from becoming law in California.

I hope I'm wrong, but frankly, I don't think Wilson has the political courage to ever sign gay rights into law; the Bill Dannemeyers, the Robert Dornans and the Lou Sheldons, all people Wilson fears, will probably see to that.

However, there is still time to help Wilson decide the fate of AB 101; call his office — today — urging him to sign this very important legislation.

Politics & People

Just when political insiders were beginning to write him off, Assessor Richard Hongisto has restarted his race for mayor and is very much in the battle for Room 200. Hongisto recently hired John Whitehurst and his Strategy & Campaign Management Group, claims to have hired four field operatives, put his wife in charge of fundraising full time, and has mailed out some 70,000 campaign brochures.

Hongisto likes to point out that he has "never lost a political campaign" and says he is in this one to win as well.

The big question mark at City Hall at the moment is what is happening to Mayor Art Agnos. Though some are quietly predicting that he will be squeezed out on the left by Hongisto and Angela Alioto and on the right by Hsieh and Jordan, thereby possibly preventing him from even making the December runoff, I don't



Richard Hongisto has "restarted" his mayoral campaign.

believe it. Agnos has a solid 30 percent of this city's voters and will always have them, certainly enough to get him into the runoff. However, the polls that I have seen spell real trouble for the mayor and the question is really who he ends up facing in December. If one is to believe the polls, Mayor Art is looking at a very tough runoff battle with either Alioto or Jordan, with Alioto having the best chance of defeating him in December.

Why is Agnos, who won with a 70 percent plurality only four years ago, in such trouble? You can probably put your finger on any number of reasons, but the issue of the homeless seems to be the one that could eventually become his undoing. This growing problem, which is probably no more Agnos' fault than anyone else's, has become the one issue on most voters' minds.

The problem has definitely gotten out of control in San Francisco. Career panhandlers, aggressive in most cases, violent in many cases, have taken over the streets in a way we have never before seen, and the voters are looking for someone to blame. Agnos is the logical choice, and there are some who now are predicting it will make him a one-term mayor.

Don't count Agnos out of this yet, however, he is a hard campaigner, much more personable than many think, has all the money he needs to put on a good campaign, and, for my money, he still has to be the favorite to beat any of the possible challengers in a runoff.

Willie's Smoking Gun

While Speaker Willie Brown continues to deny any involvement on his part in an alleged scheme by the tobacco industry to block stringent local smoking laws, even some of his closest friends are quietly saying that the flamboyant speaker, who has long challenged people to in effect "catch-me-if-you-can," might have in fact gotten caught with a smoking gun.

Brown, of course, says he did nothing improper, and must be believed (well, for now, at least), but one longtime Democratic politico remarked this week that "Willie might have gotten a bit too cute this time, and I can't find anyone who is feeling sorry for him."

Brown, incidentally, admits to having accepted \$154,750 in campaign contributions during the past four years from the tobacco industry; not bad, particularly in light of the fact that there is absolutely no tobacco grown in this state.

And by the way, Willie, can you tell us just how your plan of including 70,000 mostly Republican voters from Marin County in your Assembly district will make the district more likely to elect a gay or lesbian candidate when you leave office in 1996? (Brown somehow sees this as a probability, but you figure it out.)

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, reportedly about to announce for the Democratic presidential nomination, was in the Bay Area on Labor Day and hardly anyone noticed.

How's that again? — Edith Cresson, France's first woman prime minister, who is becoming known for her shoot-from-the-lip remarks, claimed in an interview recently that 25 percent of English, German and American men are gay, but didn't we already know that?

The respected *New York Times*, in its lead editorial Sunday, entitled "Gay Soldiers, Good Soldiers," noted a recent Gallup Poll that says 60 percent of Americans now approve of gays and lesbians in the military. The *Times* editorial called the Defense Department "two-faced on the subject of homosexuality" and urged the Pentagon to repeal its ban on gays in the military.

In Oregon, the fundamentalist group known as the Oregon Citizens Alliance, which is seeking a state declaration that homosexuality is a "perversion," is being blamed for a flier that is being widely circulated defending Milwaukee's alleged serial killer who preyed on young gay men. The right-wing religious group is, of course, denying they had any part in the flier that says, "Free Jeffrey Dahmer — all he did was kill homosexuals."

Rep. Barbara Boxer left this week for the Soviet Union as part of a human rights fact-finding delegation, making her the first House member to visit there since the failed coup attempt two weeks ago.

Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerry is said to be about to enter the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, and can Jerry Brown be far behind?

Mayoral Roundup

Supervisor Tom Hsieh was endorsed last week by the Latino Peace Officers Association. Mayor Art Agnos picked up the endorsements of the Japanese American Demo Club, the Black Firefighters Association, and the local International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Supervisor Angela Alioto is guest speaker at next Tuesday's Tavern Guild meeting at Gilmore's bar at Hyde and California streets, 1 p.m.

Entertainer Jose of Black Cat Opera fame puts on a show at Albion Hall Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. to benefit the Hongisto for Mayor campaign (call 255-8666 for ticket info) while singer/comedienne Sharon McNight, along with cabaret singers Samantha Samuels and Gail Wilson headline a benefit for the Hongisto campaign Sept. 25 at the Plush Room. Call 621-6557 for tix and info.

Meanwhile, the Alioto for Mayor campaign has its headquarters opening kickoff Sept. 7, 10 a.m. at 1415 Van Ness. Alioto has recently picked up the endorsement of Local 250, the Hospital Workers Union, headed by Sal Roselli. ▼

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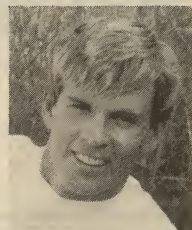
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Community News

Witnesses Sought In Gay Bashing

by Dennis Conkin

Two gay men who were viciously gay bashed by a car full of thugs near Davies Medical Center are seeking witnesses to the pre-dawn Aug. 8 attack.

According to a police report filed in the incident, David Witkin and Richard Johnson were walking down Castro Street near where it turns into Divisadero when a rust-colored '91 Chevrolet stopped in the 400 block of Castro and backed up to the couple, who had been holding hands and talking as they walked down the street.

Two of the five men who were in the car, according to Witkin, got out and came toward the couple.

One of the suspects came up to Witkin and began beating him with his fists and hands. While Witkin was being beaten, another suspect grabbed Witkin's safety whistle, bag and jacket.

While Witkin was being attacked, Johnson was struck to the ground and kicked by another assailant.

According to the report, the suspects repeatedly shouted, "Fucking faggots, fucking faggots," during the assaults.

The suspects got in their car and were last seen on Castro Street driving north toward Divisadero.

Witkin was able to get a description of the vehicle and the license plate number during the incident.

The car has been impounded by the Pacifica Police Department and is being held for the Hate Crimes Unit of the Special Investigation Division of the San Francisco Police Department.

"I wanted Bay Area Reporter readers to know about the incident," Witkin said.

According to Witkin, police have interviewed two suspects in the case and warrants may be issued for others.

Anyone with information in this incident should call the police hate crimes unit at 553-0123. ▼

Community Briefs

Reception for Lesbian Rights Director

The National Center for Lesbian Rights will host a reception Sept. 12 to welcome its new executive director, Liz Hendrickson. Hendrickson, a Bay Area attorney active in the lesbian and gay legal community, succeeds Roberta Achtenberg, who was head of the organization from 1984-1990. She subsequently was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Patti Roberts served as interim director for the past year. The reception will be held at the offices of Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon, 505 Montgomery from 6-8 p.m. Reservations should be made



Hendrickson

by Sept. 6 by calling NCLR at 621-0674. A suggested donation of \$25-\$100 will be collected at the door; \$15 for students and the public interest community. For more information call the above number.

Pennies Project Marks 4th Anniversary

The Pennies Project of the AIDS Emergency Fund celebrated its fourth anniversary last month. As of Aug. 23 the group had raised \$368,356.61 — or more than 16 tons of pennies — through its donation jars in restaurants, bars and businesses throughout San Francisco to provide cash assistance to people with disabling ARC or AIDS. More than 3,000 people have received cash assistance since the program began in August 1987. The majority of financial assistance, \$272,583.89, has gone to help people who are ill pay for their rent; \$51,569.93 was provided to help AEF clients pay for medical care. According to figures provided by AEF, more than \$25,000 in cash assistance helped clients with PG&E and telephone bills. "On behalf of the Pennies Project volunteers and the AEF board of directors, thanks again for your past and continuing support in helping us to assist those who need our help during this crisis," said Rick Salinas, president of the AIDS Emergency Fund.

— Dennis Conkin

2nd Reading for Scout Bias Measure

The second reading of a resolution prohibiting the Boy Scouts of America and other groups from discriminating in San Francisco Unified School District educational programs will be heard at the Board of Education next week. The Sept. 12 meeting will not include public testimony or comment on the resolution. "It's primarily a budget meeting," said gay Board of Education Commissioner Tom Ammiano. "We'll be discussing teachers and layoffs." According to Ammiano, at least seven schools participate in the BSA's Scouting in the Schools program. More than 13 school sites are used in a separate after-school scouting program. "They are allowed to come in and teach in the schools under the supervision of a teacher. A lot of their stuff is related to self and cultural diversity and family values, which we certainly fit in. It's widely reported that they do tell students to watch out for homosexuals as part of their program," Ammiano said. The group also recruits for its Cub Scout dens in their presentations. Ammiano also complained that despite repeated requests, the BSA has failed to send him a copy of their curriculum program. He also says the national organization is playing hardball with members of the local chapter who might be supportive of concerns about discrimination against gays. Ammiano said that he expects the board to unanimously pass the anti-gay bias measure.

— Dennis Conkin

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by Kurt Erichsen

Gay Day Sparks Flap

Compiled by Ben Carlson

The office of the San Francisco Giants has been besieged by phone calls protesting the Giants' decision to allow the Shanti Project to advertise "Save a Life Saturday" (Sept. 14) as "Lesbian/Gay Day."

Save a Life Saturday is an annual day on which a certain portion of Giants ticket sales benefit health-related organizations, including Shanti; it was Shanti's belief that advertising the event as "Lesbian/Gay Day" would enhance sales.

Call the Giants office at 468-3700 to support them in their progressive decision.

'Nightline'

The Aug. 30 edition of ABC's *Nightline* focused on issues raised by the new studies by Dr. Simon LeVay of the Salk Institute that show what may be a difference between the brain structures of homosexuals and heterosexuals.

"What if it turns out that there is a biological basis for homosexuality?" asked host Ted Koppel at the outset of the sloppy and thoroughly heterosexist program, as though the biological basis of *heterosexuality* were not equally in question. "Does homosexuality then become a physical disease to be cured?" Thanks, Ted!

Koppel's guests included scientist Evelyn Hooker, psychiatrist and attorney Richard Green, and Moral Majority leader Rev. Jerry Falwell (Koppel actually turned to Falwell to inquire — "What about the way in which gays should be perceived morally?") No gay guest!

Falwell's presence as a guest insulted both viewers and the other guests. Hooker was visibly offended by having to respond to Falwell's bigoted assertions.

During the program, Falwell called homosexuality "a sin"; Rev. Pat Robertson, in stock footage, compared homosexuals to drug dealers and pornographers; and in a clip taped for the show, conservative syndicated columnist Cal Thomas compared homosexuality to adultery and promiscuity. Hmmm, interesting scientific analysis, folks! The show also included clips of comments from gay man Jack Stenhebel and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force director Peri Jude Radecic.

When Koppel again asked, "Is it possible to cure someone, using common psychiatric practice, of homosexuality?" he directed the question at Green, whose fortunate and immediate response was to challenge the basic premise of the question and to criticize this use of the word "cure." Can we cure Koppel of being straight, white and male? The show seemed to suggest that the biological argument that sexual orientation is innate is the only legitimate argument that could be made in favor of gay rights.

Express your pleasure at seeing a gay issue addressed, but your strong displeasure at the way in which it was handled, to *Nightline*, ABC News, 47 West 66th St., New York, NY 10023, tel. (212) 456-1000.

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'Time'

The Aug. 19 issue of *Time* magazine includes a terrific article by Nancy Gibbs about the U.S. military's policy barring lesbians and gays from service, titled "Marching Out of the Closet." Gibbs compares the policy to those used in years past to bar racial minorities and women, and points out that "under the weight of justice and reason, these policies have fallen one by one."

Gibbs calls the policy "discriminatory" and "at odds with the realities of American society." The article quotes lesbian and gay former servicewomen and men who are fighting the policy, summarizes the various policies of other countries' militaries, and lists a few of the famous gay military figures of history.

The same issue includes an article by William A. Henry III about the recent outing of top Pentagon spokesperson Pete Williams (unnamed in the article), titled "To 'Out' or Not to 'Out.'" The article considers the ethical dilemma posed by the competing forces of "the individual's right to privacy and the public's right to know."

Praise *Time* for coverage of our issues and for the supportive and gay-positive Gibbs article by writing to *Time* Magazine Letters, Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY 10020, fax (212) 522-0601. As always, include your phone number if you want your letter printed.

'SF Examiner'

Praise the *Examiner* for "Policy on Gays Will Change," a gay-positive editorial on page A16 of the Aug. 21 issue. The editorial calls the U.S. military's ban on lesbian and gay soldiers "irrational" and cites the growing opposition to the ban among the general population and various organizations like the American Psychological Association. Write to *San Francisco Examiner*, 110 5th St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

'San Jose Mercury News'

The *Merc*'s Aug. 23 issue included a strong editorial in favor of AB 101. Thank the paper by writing to the *San Jose Mercury News*, 750 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131, tel. (408) 920-5000, fax (408) 288-8060.

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Wilson Concerned AB 101 Will Create Flood of Lawsuits

United Press International

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Pete Wilson questioned the need for a bill that would outlaw job discrimination against homosexuals Aug. 30, but said he has not decided whether to sign or veto it if the state Senate sends it to his desk.

"I am concerned that we not create a flood of litigation. I am concerned with the extent to which there is need for the bill," Wilson told reporters after meeting for nearly an hour with the author of the measure, Assemblyman Terry Friedman, D-Los Angeles.

Wilson met with Friedman on Sept. 4, but no developments had been reported at press time.

The measure, AB 101, is on the Senate floor and supporters say they have mustered enough votes to send it to Wilson's desk. Friedman has postponed a final vote on the bill in hopes of negotiating a compromise with the Republican governor.

It originally would have prohibited both job and housing discrimination against homosexuals. Opposition from GOP lawmakers prompted Friedman to omit the housing provision earlier this week.

The amendments also would prohibit imposing quotas or other affirmative ac-



Gov. Pete Wilson: Is a veto imminent?

tions as relief for discrimination, and exclude non-profit religious organizations incorporated as public benefit corporations.

Conservative Christian groups oppose the bill and have threatened to sponsor an initiative for the June 1992 ballot to repeal it if it becomes law.

During their private meeting, Wilson peppered Friedman with questions about the

controversial measure, but did not request any changes in the bill or indicate his position on it, both men told reporters afterward.

Friedman gave Wilson a packet of documents describing anecdotal incidents of discrimination against homosexuals, and an Alameda County court ruling that awarded \$5.3 million to a homosexual man who was fired because of his sexual orientation.

Wilson said he would study the material over the weekend and tell Friedman next week whether he has additional questions or concerns.

"I haven't made any commitments of any kind to anybody," Wilson told reporters while visiting the California State Fair. "I haven't given anybody a signal either way. What I have said is that I would listen to all arguments, weigh them, and then make up my mind."

Friedman said Wilson understands the issues raised by the measure and "wants to get down to specifics" in the legislation.

"I continue to be hopeful. I'm really pleased the governor has taken the interest he has," Friedman said. "I think it's fully appropriate for the governor to understand what the bill does before he makes a decision." ▼

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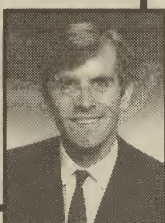
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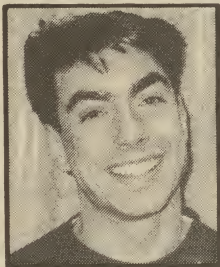
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California News

Dannemeyer Isn't the Only Conservative in Senate Race

by Karen Ocamo

LOS ANGELES — In what may be a back-handed blessing for the gay community, two arch conservatives are battling for the hearts and minds of Orange County Christian fundamentalists in a race for Sen. John Seymour's U.S. Senate seat.

William Allen, a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and a professor of government at Harvey Mudd College, is running against U.S. Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Fullerton) and appointed incumbent Seymour for the Republican bid in the June 1992 primary race. Seymour is considered a moderate Republican.

Both Allen and Dannemeyer, however, are ardent supporters of religious right-winger the Rev. Lou Sheldon and his Traditional Values Coalition. Sheldon and Dannemeyer are friends and the congressman often appears at TVC-sponsored functions.

However, shortly after his controversial appointment to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Allen, who is black, was the featured guest speaker at one of Sheldon's "Heterosexual Symposiums" where he equated homosexuality with pedophilia and bestiality.

Shortly after Allen's appearance, Sheldon assisted in the founding of a Black Traditional Values Coalition movement, which has courted and won over many black churches.

Allen's campaign race has been almost negligible so far, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. But the battle for the religious right's vote has brought the two candidates



Rep. William Dannemeyer

out swinging. First Allen accused Dannemeyer of abandoning conservatives by promising to support Seymour if Seymour won the Republican primary. Then, according to the *Times*, Dannemeyer's staff accused Allen of spreading lies to undercut the congressman, some of which included that Dannemeyer was planning to drop out of the race, that he favored big government and that he had sold out his principles.

"You are beginning to get personal when you start challenging Congressman Dannemeyer's integrity," the *Times* quotes Dannemeyer's field director Steve Baldwin of writing in a letter to Allen's campaign manager, David Warnick.

"We have no intention of ever getting personal in this campaign, but if we wanted to, there are things in Bill Allen's past we could have brought out. ... Start acting like the Christians you pro-

fess to be," the *Times* quotes the letter as saying.

However, Dannemeyer did back off his pledge to Seymour, citing his responsibility to religious Republicans as the reason.

"I have decided that I cannot support one of the leaders of a movement to liberalize the party which, if successful, will cause millions of Christians to drop out, leaving us without any political vehicle by which to influence public policy," the *Times* quotes Dannemeyer as writing in an August letter to his supporters.

Seymour has supported abortion and homosexual rights.

Allen expressed surprise at the tone of Baldwin's letter in a *Times* interview.

"If they thought there was something they should tell the people of California, I believe they have a moral obligation to tell them. It calls into question their motivations," Allen said.

Baldwin refused to disclose what he meant, saying only that the reference to Allen was "personal." Dannemeyer distanced himself from Baldwin's letter.

"Hey, look, I'm running against Mr. Seymour. I don't know any of those statements about that (Allen's) background. I don't campaign that way. What else can I say?" Dannemeyer told the *Times*.

Regardless of the primary outcome, Sheldon's attempt to unify black and white fundamentalist churches into a TVC movement has no doubt been hurt by his political leaders' political campaigning.

Fundies Crash Rainbow Fair

by Marghe Covino

SACRAMENTO — A group of 40 young fundamentalist Christians armed with signs, brochures and a public address system set up shop in a vacant lot on Sacramento's 20th Street between K and L streets during Sacramento's celebration of diversity, the Rainbow Festival, Labor Day weekend.

The festival is an annual event during which gay and lesbian organizations set up booths to sell goods, run raffles, sign up new members and raise money for selected organizations.

Tension levels ran high at 2 p.m. when the group first showed up singing hymns and passing out pamphlets urging gays to come out of the gay lifestyle and become celibate Christians. They quickly moved to the vacant lot where Vincent Blades, a young gay man, was stabbed to death in March of this year.

Festival participants were outraged at their presence, but cool heads prevailed. A few exchanges of viewpoints occurred at very high decibel levels.

However, after police were

called, the group was confined to the vacant lot they had chosen. In front of them the local Sacramento Leather Association, plus the Lavender Angels, a Sacramento gay and lesbian street patrol, formed a line in front of the lot barring both exit and entrance.

Richard Boriolo, the festival organizer, said he has had confrontations in the past with the group's leader, a woman named Karen. "I can't figure out why she has this obsession," he said, "but she's been outside of the bars before, tacking up pamphlets and accosting people. This time I said I wanted them confined to that vacant lot."

The police were going to make the fundamentalists leave because they didn't have permits, but Boriolo urged police to allow them to stay because on this day of diversity he did not want anyone's civil rights to be abridged.

After two hours the group left and the festival continued with no further incident. ▼

Pro-Lifers To Appeal Setback

United Press International

SACRAMENTO — Anti-abortion protesters said Aug. 30 they will pursue an appeal to overturn a Sacramento judge's order that they pay their opponent's \$99,000 legal bill.

They said they also will challenge an injunction granted by Superior Court Judge James Long in May that permanently bars groups opposed to abortion from gathering in the parking lot or within 20 feet of the front door of the Feminist Women's Health Center.

On Aug. 29, Long ruled that five of the protesters must pay the center \$99,000 to cover its legal fees accrued in its three-year court fight with anti-abortion groups.

After learning of the ruling, all five defendants expressed concern that they could lose their homes since they lack the resources to cover the award.

"Ours was not an Operation Rescue group," Jay Baggett said. "We held picket signs, passed out literature — standard, well-protected First Amendment practices." ▼

ACT UP Protests At Bush Retreat

United Press International

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine — About 1,000 AIDS activists made a symbolic march on President Bush's seaside home Sept. 1, demanding a more aggressive government effort to find a cure to the disease.

Members of ACT UP from around the nation staged the march and a mock "die-in" along the road to Bush's home to urge more federal money for research into acquired immune deficiency syndrome and accuse him of a lack of interest to date.

"A hundred thousand deaths from AIDS! Where is George?" they chanted.

The throng of demonstrators, far fewer than the several thousand that had been rumored, walked from the center of town to a police barricade near Bush's home where they staged a die-in.

Though some merchants grumbled about a loss of Labor Day weekend business — not a welcome development in a town so heavily reliant on the end-of-summer tourist trade — a show of force by law officers kept mischief to a



President Bush

minimum and Bush largely unaffected by the ruckus.

Streets were shut down, traffic was rerouted and shops were urged to close in order to deny the demonstrators undue opportunity for disruption.

AIDS activists plan to march on the White House Sept. 30. ▼

Falwell Launches Another Anti-Homosexual Campaign

by Cliff O'Neill

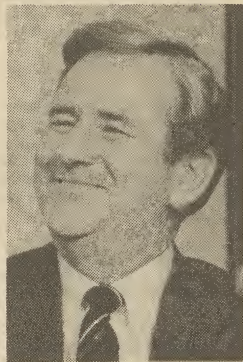
WASHINGTON — The Rev. Jerry Falwell, the conservative Virginia televangelist who founded the Moral Majority in the 1970s, has announced a "national battle plan" to defeat the "radical homosexual movement."

In a July 23 direct-mail letter to his followers under the letterhead of the Liberty Foundation, a sister organization of the Moral Majority, Falwell outlined several recent victories by gay and lesbian rights advocates and predicted that if they are not stopped, "America is on the road to becoming ... THE NEXT SODOM AND GOMORRAH!"

Under the caption of "what the homosexuals are doing nationwide," Falwell lists specific gains made by gay activists in the Episcopal Church, state legislatures, school districts and court cases across America.

He further denounces attempts by gay activists to legalize gay marriage and adoption, repeal the four-year-old ban on immigration by HIV-infected foreigners and begin their own gay and lesbian wire service and cable television network.

"This is an absolute outrage!" Falwell writes in the margin.



Jerry Falwell

Falwell also describes demonstrations by "the militant homosexual groups" ACT UP and Queer Nation in which they "infiltrated and disturbed church services from New York to California," and another in which they disrupted a speech by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.), blowing whistles and shouting, "We're here! We're queer! Get used to it!"

"My heart breaks for these people," Falwell writes, "they are so consumed with their deviant sexuality. We certainly want to win them to Christ. We surely love their souls. And we must reach out to them with the Gospel. But we

must awaken to their wicked agenda for America!" he adds, circling the words "wicked agenda."

Saying that gays and lesbians are seeking "special protective laws," the Lynchburg minister writes, "We simply cannot allow that to happen. We cannot allow the homosexuals to rule America!"

To prevent that, Falwell announces that he has a "national battle plan to defeat the radical homosexual movement," although he does not outline it beyond requesting \$35 from letter recipients.

To help kick off his program, Falwell asks readers to fill out a questionnaire to determine the "national attitude toward 'gay rights'" so that he may contact the White House with his findings.

"I am confident that our findings will show that the American public does not support special protective rights for homosexuals!"

Summoning up the specter of the National Endowment for the Arts, Falwell writes that what has gotten him "so up-in-arms" about this was the July airing of the PBS documentary *Tongues Untied*, an independently produced film documenting the lives of African-American gay men, and a \$250,000 grant from the NEA to the PBS series, which made the telecast

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AF Major Refuses AIDS Test, In Trouble

by Keith Clark

Air Force Major Michael Campbell is facing a court martial at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., on insubordination charges and a possible 10-year prison sentence for refusing to take an HIV blood test.

Campbell, 37, claims the repeated testing of armed services personnel, which is required every two years by the Air Force, is an unnecessary invasion of his privacy and amounts to "AIDS hysteria."

One of Campbell's brothers died of AIDS in 1983. In 1986 another brother who lives in Atlantic City, N.J., was also diagnosed with AIDS, and Campbell, who was stationed in Wyoming at the time, asked to be transferred to McGuire so he could be nearer to the ailing man.

Before leaving Wyoming in 1988, one of Campbell's superior officers asked him to take an HIV antibody test, maintaining that the disease might be hereditary.

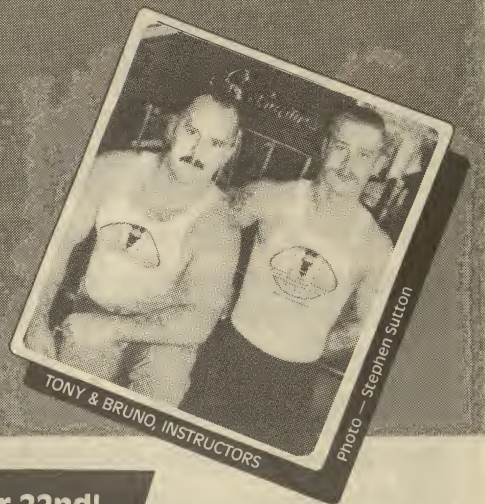
Campbell refused, but on arriving at McGuire, he was again ordered to take the test. He initially refused, but finally agreed and tested negative. A subsequent test also showed the same result.

But now Campbell has refused to take the test again,

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Soviet AIDS Response Hampered by General Chaos

by Rex Wockner

Twenty thousand Soviets and 70 North American gay/lesbian activists took part in the USSR's first gay symposiums, gay film festivals and gay rights demonstrations July 23-Aug. 2 in Moscow and Leningrad. In part four of his series, reporter Rex Wockner looks at the looming AIDS crisis in the Soviet Union.

MOSCOW — There are only 654 official AIDS cases in the Soviet Union, but even the woman who keeps the data admits the figure is inaccurate — and that a crisis likely looms.

Soviet citizens, gay and straight, do not use condoms; the country has an IV drug-use problem; and infection-control procedures in hospitals are still not up to Western standards.

Unfortunately, the Soviet response to AIDS has been — and seemingly will continue to be — held hostage to the general social and economic chaos that has followed the worldwide collapse of communism and the Soviet Union's halfhearted — and unsuccessful — attempts to move toward democracy and a market economy.

If stable, wealthy Western nations cannot manage a proper response to AIDS, what can realistically be expected in the embattled and crumbling USSR?

Dr. Irina Eramova is head of the USSR's All Union Center for AIDS. She addressed a plenary session during the Moscow arm of the pride celebrations. The following is an abridged version of her presentation:

"There are 654 people sick with the disease of AIDS — 366 are adults. (The children were infected in hospitals via unsterilized needles.) The dis-

"The disease is passed more among heterosexuals than homosexuals, except in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev."

— Dr. Eramova

ease is passed more among heterosexuals than homosexuals, except in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, where homosexuals outnumber heterosexuals two to one.

"Gays meet at bathhouses, public toilets, parks and on the street. The average number of sex partners of Soviet

homosexuals is two to five a year — and that is entirely sufficient for the spread of HIV.

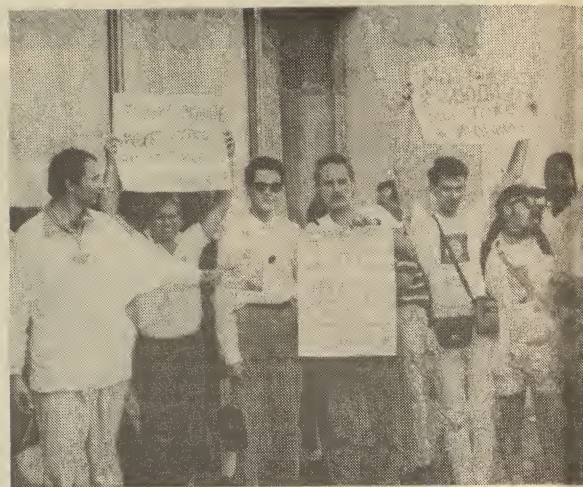
"Among gay and bisexual men in the Soviet Union, 92 percent of those infected and 98 percent of those uninfected have different kinds of sex in the same sexual encounter — frequently changing roles in the same sexual encounter.

"We have found no (distinction) between the passive or active role in anal contact between men (vis-a-vis HIV infections. We have found no relationship between HIV infection and anal-oral (rimming) or genital-oral (sucking) contact.

"We found that the use of condoms is not at all common between gay and bisexual men. Fifty-nine percent of them have never used a condom in their contact with men.

"A law since 1988 makes HIV positives responsible for putting someone at risk for infection or actually infecting someone. However, a number of infection cases were observed by men who knew about their HIV status, and the men were not prosecuted, because to bring charges against another man (under this law, Article 115 of the Russian Republic Penal Code), a man would put himself at risk under Article 121.1 (of the Penal Code, which punishes male-male sex with up to five years in prison).

"I have no information on prosecution and imprison-



Gay and lesbian activists at the condom distribution action outside Mo

ments under Article 115. I know of two people who were prosecuted. It was not a very legal procedure. The charges were brought not by the persons who were put in danger of infection — these were not actual infections but just a putting in danger — but by the local health authorities. The persons themselves were not very much concerned in both cases. This is just one more illustration of how law procedures are not respected in this country. ...

"I welcome the beginning of the homosexual rights movement," Eramova concluded, "but to survive politically, you must survive physically."

Anonymous Testing?

At the end of her presentation, Eramova and a Soviet gay doctor in the audience got into an argument over whether HIV testing in the USSR can ever really be anonymous. Eramova said people who come to be tested voluntarily are assured anonymity, "but there is no way to keep secret people who are sent to be tested."

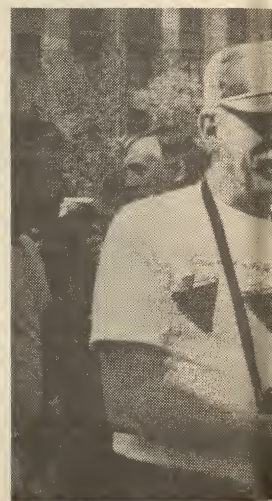
Soviet gay movement founder Roman Kalinin has said he is forced to take an HIV test twice a year — ever since he was identified via contact tracing as a former sex partner of someone who tested HIV positive.

The gay doctor argued that lapses in confidentiality are all but universal and said members of risk groups are afraid to be tested. Eramova acknowledged that lapses occur and suggested the problem would be difficult to rectify. The doctor continued to shout, but was silenced by moderator/translator Masha Gessen, one of the American organizers of the pride events and an associate editor at *The Advocate*.

Also speaking at the plenary was Igor Yevsyukov, who identified himself as a representative of the Anti-AIDS Hotline and the Center for Medical/Psychological Assistance of Crocus Anti-AIDS Plus, which he described as a Soviet-American joint venture of Crocus International.

Yevsyukov confirmed the information presented by Eramova but added that, in his opinion, one of the most serious AIDS-related problems in the Soviet Union is the absence of water-based lubricants. (Oil-based lubricants dissolve condoms.)

"We have no water-based lubricants, and we know it is



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essential for sexual intercourse between gay men," Yevsyukov said.

AIDS Hospitals

American delegates to the Soviet pride events visited the government AIDS hospitals in both Leningrad and Moscow. Officials at the Moscow facility said it was founded in 1986 and presently has 10 patients, most of whom are heterosexual.

Patients are treated with a short-term course of AZT when they become ill with an AIDS-related infection. In recent months, the hospital has begun experimenting with non-stop, low-dose AZT treatment of persons with very low T4 cell counts — in line with Western practices. Officials said they are not convinced such treatment is beneficial but are trying it because it is popular in the West.

Some patients are also treated with antibiotics and interferon, an immune stimulator. There is no pentamidine for treatment or prophylaxis of pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, but doctors claim to have had some success treating PCP with other drugs.

Visiting activists were allowed to meet with five patients at the Moscow facility — one of whom said he was gay. The patients said they were at the facility voluntarily and are allowed to return home and come back to the hospital at will. One woman had come to the facility for the delivery of her baby.

The patients said doctors are very good about sharing information on immune-func-

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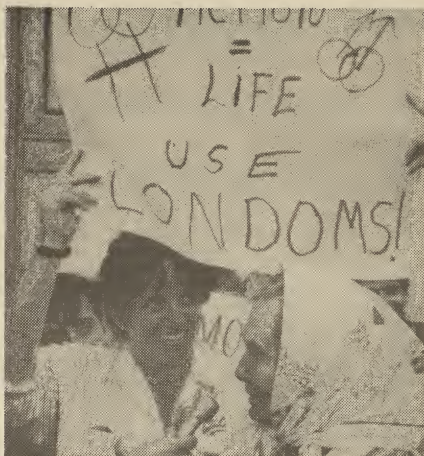
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Signs and smiles at the City Hall demo.

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and friend bring safe sex to the masses in Moscow.

tion tests and possible treatments for HIV infection and opportunistic diseases.

The patients' primary fears centered on discrimination outside the hospital. When American delegates suggested that the patients use the media to fight back against being victimized, the patients said that such an approach was unthinkable in the Soviet Union.

American visitors gave the patients canned food items and numerous other goodies that are unavailable in the Soviet Union — to the obvious delight of the patients, most of whom said no one ever comes to visit them.

AIDS Victims

The patients seemed to view themselves as outcasts — even lepers — and as the meeting was breaking up, many of the patients and the American delegates were crying — apparently over the fact that they were part of one of the first instances in Soviet history of persons with AIDS being treated like ordinary people.

Unfortunately, it was only half an hour in the lives of people who feel completely cut off from their pasts and from society itself. The concept of "AIDS victims" transforming themselves into "people with AIDS" who demand dignity and the right to live their lives like normal people seemed out of sync with the present social realities of the USSR.

In the hallways of the Moscow AIDS hospital, bulletin boards featured charts and diagrams of AIDS-related statistics. A chart entitled "Frequency of condom using by seropositive homosexuals"

read: never — 56 percent; sometimes — 32 percent; half of the time — 12 percent.

Another chart detailed how HIV positives had been identified: contact tracing — 66.5 percent; clinical manifestation — 7.5 percent; STD patients — 6.3 percent; other — 4.5 percent; pregnancy — 4 percent; transfusion recipients — 3.6 percent; medical care — 3.6 percent; blood donors — 2.4 percent; and voluntary, anonymous testing — 1.6 percent.

Acting Up

American and Soviet gays and lesbians distributed U.S.-made condoms on busy, central streets in both Leningrad and Moscow. In both cases, thousands of condoms disappeared within minutes. At the Moscow action, which was held in front of City Hall, traffic police called for 800 back-up officers, and activists made a hasty retreat in their tourist buses.

American organizer Gessen, an emigrant from the USSR, was angry at how long it took to load the buses after organizers learned police were en route. "This is not the god-damned United States," she shouted over the bus public address system.

American organizer Julie Dorf said that police would have arrested American and Soviet activists alike under "vague public-indecency charges" and that the American Embassy would not have intervened until the Bush-Gorbachev summit, which occurred simultaneously with the Moscow pride activities. had ended. ▼

Greenwich Village Slipping Into 'Condomania' Boutique

United Press International

NEW YORK — On the same block in Greenwich Village where you can get vintage records, rare antiques, gourmet pizza and funky-but-chic clothes, you can now get more than 150 different types of condoms.

But you can't try them on. Adam Glickman, an owner of Condomania, a newly opened novelty and condom specialty store on Bleecker Street, had to take down a "Fitting Room" sign in the bathroom after one too many patrons took it literally.

But since the store opened in June, that's one of the few adjustments Glickman has made. Saturday nights, the line of people waiting to browse fills the sidewalk, and passersby at other times find window shopping irresistible.

"Condoms are a vital part of what should be a healthy, responsible sex life," Glickman said. "We've created an environment that's condom-friendly. We want people to ask questions, take their time and educate themselves about condoms."

In the heart of a neighborhood that is home to many homosexuals, Condomania, of course, has a built-in appeal to gays, Glickman said, but heterosexual women also seem comfortable browsing, enquiring and buying.

"It's good for gifts and stuff," said Mary, 26, from New Jersey, who preferred not to give her last name.

Her companion, Mike O'Neill, 25, said, "Other places are more about raunch. This is safe and fun."

Both, however, said the novelty items are what brought them in.

"We can get condoms in New Jersey," Mary said confidently.

Said Elana Bober, a Yale University student working at Condomania for the summer, "It's really just like any other retail job, but it is a serious matter."

Not too many summer jobs, however, allow you to wear a condom-tipped rubber hat at work.

Bober, as cheerfully as possible, answers questions from both men and women about condom size, type and use.

"At first, I was taken aback, but now, it's just run of the mill. You'd be surprised how ignorant some people are."

Glickman, 24, recognized the once lowly condom's growing popularity as a junior at Tufts University in Boston, and began selling condoms packaged in matchbook-covers emblazoned with the school's mascot, Jumbo the Elephant.

In their first week, Glickman and fellow student Davin Wedel sold a thousand door-to-door, using the slogan "A safe Jumbo is a happy Jumbo."

The two young entrepreneurs then started Custom Condoms, selling specially packaged condoms to

Boston-area taverns, and then developing, patenting and selling worldwide more than a million Knight-lights — rubbers that glow in the dark.

That formula for success — offer prophylactics in attractive, humorous packages that invite rather than threaten — was deceptively simple, but as in romance and medicine, timing is everything.

As the AIDS epidemic crept into the public consciousness, the condom, once relegated to coin-operated restroom dispensers, was brought into America's daily conversation, even its national advertisements.

"People didn't used to think about condoms in a positive way," Glickman said. "The national concern about AIDS changed that."

Glickman's interest in the business potential of selling safe sex — his senior thesis was entitled "Condoms: The Private Sphere and the Public Domain" — led him to search Greenwich Village for an open storefront.

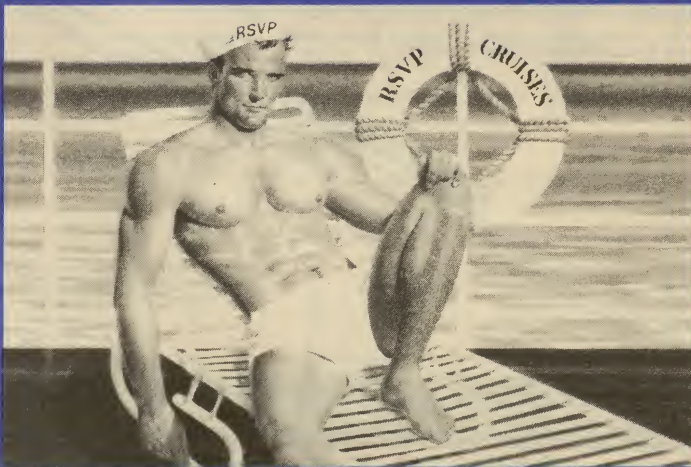
A half dozen landlords rejected him as soon they heard "condom store," but the Manhattan-bred Glickman finally found a home from which Condomania could be launched.

"It took a while to convince people."

Glickman, Wedel and Suzie Landolfi, 42, a stand-up "safe-sex" performer, opened the store in June, selling an assortment of condoms

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Frank Blasts 'Expert' Over Comments on Gays in Military

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., a leading congressional opponent of the Pentagon's policy of excluding gay men and lesbians from the service, has issued a blistering letter to a military sociologist asking him to explain his public defense of the policy.

"I usually try to understand the arguments of those whose views I oppose in policy debates," the openly gay lawmaker wrote, "so I hope you will be willing to elaborate on the statements of yours quoted in the *Washington Post* on Aug. 19."

Frank wrote his letter to Charles Moskos, a sociology professor at Northwestern University, who in an Aug. 19 *Post* story on the issue of the Pentagon's anti-gay policy defended the position that gays should not serve in the military.

In the front page article, Moskos supported the policy and said that any changes should be limited to a return to the older policy of banning only homosexual acts and not people with a homosexual orientation.

Although the Pentagon, as is its custom, refused to publicly defend its policy in the *Post* article, Moskos and one military official who recommended the dismissal of a gay soldier were quoted in the story.

Moskos said in the article that because of the close and constant contact soldiers must



U.S. Rep. Barney Frank

endure, the policy of banning gay people may not be unreasonable.

"If you were compelled to live with a homosexual," Moskos suggested heterosexuals ask themselves, "what would you think? That's the question people have to answer."

"You apparently believe it is wrong to 'compel' heterosexuals to live with homosexuals," Frank wrote in his two-page missive. "Is this just in the armed services? How about in Fire Departments where people often share sleeping quarters? College dormitories — should homosexuals in colleges be segregated?"

Frank further asked if Moskos also believed that gay men and lesbians should be barred from other, non-military jobs where employees

must live together.

"Second," Frank added, "I am interested in why you think it is so unthinkable for heterosexuals to actually share living quarters with homosexuals. Do you think that the homosexuals will behave inappropriately? In what way? We have had, as I am sure you know, many homosexuals in the armed services. Are you aware of a pattern of behavior problems? Or is the point that even though the homosexuals will not misbehave, other people think they might and therefore do not want to live with them and we should abide by this view?"

Frank finally asked if it was only living quarters Moskos did not want homosexuals sharing with their heterosexual counterparts. s.

"What of cases where people do not share sleeping quarters but share toilet facilities and/or showers?" Frank asked. "If it is the uneasiness that some people feel around homosexuals is the rationale, what of people whose uneasiness extends to other situations such as shared public changing rooms at communal swimming pools? How about locker rooms at gymnasiums?"

According to a Frank spokesman, Moskos has not yet responded to the congressman's inquiry. ▼

National Briefs

Suit Against Hudson Estate Settled

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The multimillion-dollar suit accusing Rock Hudson of hiding his AIDS infection from his homosexual lover has been settled, attorneys said. The Hudson estate had appealed a \$5.5 million judgment awarded to Marc Christian, 37, but attorneys for both sides said the case had been settled. Neither side would say how much the settlement was for, but one indicated there was a significant reduction. Hudson, who died of AIDS in 1985 at the age of 58, engaged in sex with Christian for eight months after the actor was diagnosed. Christian sued seeking damages for the emotional distress he said he suffered because of the fear he would contract the deadly and incurable disease. Christian said Hudson and his personal secretary conspired to conceal Hudson's illness while the actor and Christian were engaged in a sexual relationship. In 1989 a Los Angeles Superior Court jury ruled Hudson was guilty of "outrageous conduct" and returned a judgment of \$21.75 million in favor of Christian. The judge ruled the amount was excessive and reduced the award to \$5.5 million. The Hudson estate appealed and this summer a state Court of Appeal rejected it, saying \$5.5 million was fair compensation for the "ultimate in personal horror, the fear of slow, agonizing death." The estate went to the state Supreme Court, saying the \$5.5 million was still too high in light of the fact that Christian had been tested 19 times and all were negative.

Laid-Off AIDS Workers Return

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (UPI) — Patient care went on as usual this weekend at the San Antonio AIDS Foundation's residential care home as laid-off employees returned as volunteers. "We are going to do as much as we can," Denise Williams, a nurse's aide who began working at the home a week ago, said Aug. 31. "Sure, we need to make a living, but we aren't going to turn our backs on anyone." The foundation's 22 employees were laid off Aug. 30 after state payments for a \$122,000 grant were delayed. But staff members returned Saturday to provide the care they and the families of those living at the home say cannot be found in hospitals. "At the hospital, they were afraid to touch him," a 35-year-old Bexar County woman said of her older brother, Juan, who has been a patient at the home since July. She asked her name not be used. Juan's 68-year-old mother, who visited her son Saturday, is worried about the prospect that the home may close. She lives on a fixed income and like the families of many of the other 45 patients at the facility, would be hard-pressed to care for Juan herself.

Gay Partners Win Court Battle

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has announced the landmark ruling of a New York court recognizing that lesbian and gay employees have a legal right to sue for health insurance benefits for their domestic partners. The ruling in *Gay Teachers Association v. New York City Board of Education* represents the first time a state trial court judge has upheld a series of claims alleging sexual orientation and marital status discrimination for failure to extend benefits to unmarried domestic partners. Lambda Legal Defense represents three gay employees of the New York City school system, their long-time domestic partners, and the Gay Teachers Association in the precedent-setting case. The suit, filed in May 1988, claims that the Board of Education's policy of providing health insurance only to benefit the families of married employees, but not those of unmarried employees, violates the constitutional and civil rights of unmarried employees. Lesbian and gay employees are particularly disadvantaged by the Board of Education's policy because New York law bars them from marrying their partners, regardless of the length of their relationship. Two of the couples involved in the suit have been together for nearly two decades. The third is a lesbian couple with a child.

Lesbian Fighting to Stay in Guard

In the wake of the recent landmark ruling, where the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected social prejudice as a basis for the military's anti-gay policy, a lesbian colonel in the National Guard is fighting to preserve her 25-year career. Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, chief nurse of the Washington State National Guard, was awarded the Bronze Star for her service in Vietnam and was selected as V.A. Nurse of the Year in 1985; she now faces discharge proceedings after an administration hearing board, consisting of four of her fellow colonels, concluded that it was their "sad duty" to recommend Cammermeyer's discharge, despite her outstanding record of service and leadership, merely because she is a lesbian. Discharge proceedings were initiated against Cammermeyer, who entered the Army, married and had four children before coming out as a lesbian, after she acknowledged her sexual orientation to a Defense Department investigator during a review of her security clearance. The investigation was precipitated by Col. Cammermeyer's application to the Army War College, where she hoped to gain additional credentials that would support her candidacy to become Chief Nurse of the National Guard. Cammermeyer stated, "I am being discharged for my honesty and integrity. Had I lied, I might have achieved my ambition of becoming Chief Nurse. I believe that my sexual orientation has nothing to do with my performance in the military, and I hope that the landmark decision in Dusty Pruitt's case will prevent others from going through the same ordeal that Dusty and I have experienced."

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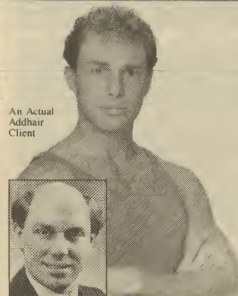
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TB Cases Multiplying In Massachusetts

United Press International

BOSTON — The number of tuberculosis cases is on the rise in Massachusetts, partially because of the increasing number of homeless and immigrants and the spread of AIDS, state health officials report.

Tuberculosis, once the state's leading killer, is resurging again after years of relative dormancy, the state Department of Public Health said.

The number of TB cases rose by 14 percent in Massachusetts between 1988 and 1990, and this year is running 10 percent ahead of last year.

There were 439 cases reported in 1990 in the state, an increase of 4.3 percent from 1989, according to Dr. Alfred DeMaria, assistant commissioner of public health.

"And this year we're running 10 percent ahead of last year," he said. "It's a continuing problem."

He said the highly contagious lung disease could become a major health hazard unless steps are taken to prevent it.

"I consider it a major public health problem in terms of communicable disease," DeMaria said.

"We want people to realize TB is not gone," said DeMaria. "It's still a problem in this country and worldwide."

TB 200 years ago was the leading cause of death in Massachusetts, but has been reduced drastically in recent decades.

In 1949 there were 29 TB sanitariums with 4,000 beds in Massachusetts. There is now just one designated TB unit, with 27 beds, at the Shattuck Hospital.

The increase between 1989 and 1990 was largely among immigrants, minorities, the homeless and people infected with the AIDS virus, health officials said.

DeMaria said the disease is spreading among people who have difficulty getting medical attention.

"This is a disease that can be totally eliminated with infection control," he said.

However, he said that local health departments have had to cut back because of budget problems, and there are fewer public health nurses to make sure people maintain treatment.

He presented his report before the Public Health Council. The report found that 46.5 percent of the cases last year were among immigrants; 8.7 percent among the homeless; 5.5 percent among children up to age 14; and 5 percent among people infected with the AIDS virus.

The rate of active TB cases in Massachusetts is 7.45 cases for every 100,000 people in 1990.

Active tuberculosis primarily affects the lungs, which can lead to coughing, sputum and chest pain and, if not treated, death. ▼

Gay/Lesbian Media Group Is Gaining Momentum

by Keith Clark

After a year of working in the background to build its network, the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, the recently formed professional organization for mainstream journalists, is beginning to cash in on all that hard work in more public, tangible ways.

The association has just sent out the first issue of "Alternatives," its quarterly newsletter, and the group has begun working on plans for its first national conference, tentatively slated for Lesbian/Gay Pride Week in San Francisco next June.

With the abrupt firing of openly gay *Houston Post* columnist Juan Palomo on Aug. 30, NLGJA also got its first chance to prove itself as "a force for betterment and change within the industry."

It passed that test with flying colors, and NLGJA president and former *Oakland Tribune* Executive Editor Leroy Aarons was clearly pleased that less than a day after learning of Palomo's dismissal, the association had managed to secure pro bono legal services from the Lambda Legal Defense and Educa-

tion Fund in New York to work with Palomo.

"We did it in less than 24 hours — and on a holiday weekend, too," Aarons said.

Aarons is used to getting difficult things done, though. In spite of a nasty attack by arch-conservative, nationally syndicated columnist Cal Thomas, Aarons successfully shepherded an unprecedented America Society of Newspaper Editors survey of lesbians and gays in the nation's mainstream newspapers to completion in 1990.

And while Aarons was executive editor at the *Trib*, the paper also garnered a Pulitzer Prize in 1990.

Regional chapter organizing meetings have already gotten under way in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, and in the next few months meetings are planned for Chicago, New York and Philadelphia.

NLGJA has some thorny internal challenges facing it, not the least of which is what role the group should play. To its credit, the first issue of NLGJA's newsletter tackles the issue head on with opposing points of view by Isaiah Poole, former reporter/editor for the *Washington Times*,

and Jonathan Rauch, a regular contributor to the *National Journal*.

The issue of activist advocacy vs. balanced neutrality isn't likely to be settled quickly — or easily — by NLGJA. But that's OK, Aarons says. In his opening piece in the group's newsletter, Aarons writes, "NLGJA's board of directors has grappled with this issue, as well. We've come to the conclusion that the ultimate mission statement derives from not to the constituency."

Even so, the debate over the organization's strategy doesn't mean the NLGJA doesn't agree on its mission.

"The board of directors has a clear vision — a working prospectus, if you will — about what we're doing and the direction we're going," Aarons said.

That board, in addition to Aarons, includes Lily Eng of the *Los Angeles Times*; Victor Zonana of the *Los Angeles Times* New York bureau; Elaine Herscher and David Tuller of the *San Francisco Chronicle*; Carol Pierson of KQED-FM; and Shannon Hickey with Wells Fargo's publications division. ▼

Preston May Do Time On Drug, Sex Charges

United Press International

MALIBU — Singer Billy Preston was charged Aug. 30 with cocaine possession and misdemeanor sex offenses stemming from an encounter with a 16-year-old laborer.

Preston, whose career included a stint playing keyboards with the Beatles in the late 1960s, could be imprisoned for up to three years if convicted.

Along with the single felony count of cocaine possession, Preston was charged with four misdemeanors: child annoying, exhibiting pornographic material to a minor, possession of an instrument to smoke a controlled substance and being under the influence of cocaine, District Attorney's Office spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said.

The 44-year-old singer-songwriter, free on \$10,000 bail, was scheduled to be arraigned Sept. 19.

Preston was arrested Aug. 18 after the 16-year-old told sheriff's deputies Preston picked him up that morning in Malibu at an intersection known as a gathering spot for day laborers.

The teen-ager said Preston began smoking cocaine and showing him pornographic

pictures. Speaking in Spanish, Preston allegedly began discussing how much the teen-ager was to be paid.

Preston then allegedly took the youth to his Malibu home where the boy began cleaning out a shed. Deputies said Preston grabbed the youth, but he fled and ran to a neighbor's house to report the incident.

When deputies went to Preston's house later, they found him outside with a 19-year-old man.

Deputies found a pipe and pornographic material in the shed, investigators said.

Preston began his professional career in Los Angeles in the early 1960s, performing while still in his teens with top gospel stars such as the Rev. James Cleveland.

In 1969 he played the piano solo on "Get Back" and other Beatles hits. From 1972 to 1974, Preston had four solo hits, two of them chart-toppers: "Will It Go Round in Circles?" and "Nothing From Nothing."

He also wrote the ballad "You Are So Beautiful," recorded by British rocker Joe Cocker. He has performed steadily since his last album was released in 1982. ▼

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Immunoglobulin Treatment Helps Fight Disease in PWAs

United Press International

CLEVELAND — Newborns, people with AIDS and bone marrow transplant recipients can benefit from advances in immunoglobulin therapy, reports Dr. James E. Pennington in the July-August issue of *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*.

Giving immunoglobulin-G (IgG) intravenously is expanding IgG's role in preventing and treating infectious disease.

Premature or low birth-weight newborns, susceptible to serious systemic infections, may benefit from preventive treatment with these agents.

In AIDS patients continuous IgG therapy may help prevent opportunistic infections. In bone marrow transplant recipients who receive plasma, IgG may minimize the effects of cytomegalovirus infection, a common and serious side effect of bone marrow transplant.

A study done at the Cleveland Clinic compared two methods of using ultrasonic waves to measure heart function in critically ill patients, transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiography.

Transthoracic echocardiography involves placing a device on the patient's chest and measuring the echo from sound waves directed at the pumping heart through the

chest wall. A newer way, transesophageal echocardiography requires inserting the ultrasound device into the patient's esophagus. The study showed that, in patients with certain heart problems, the transesophageal method gave a clearer idea of the status of

In AIDS patients, continuous IgG therapy may help prevent opportunistic infections.

the heart.

Transesophageal echocardiography offers a new window for cardiac imaging and provides information in evaluating diseases of the aorta and valvular heart disease, as well as congenital heart disease, says Dr. Vincent E. Font.

Pulmonary embolism can occur in patients who have undergone a major surgical

procedure. Currently, ventilation/perfusion scans and angiography are two ways of detecting pulmonary embolism. Improved angiogram techniques in the future may offer better diagnostic and treatment capabilities, says Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad.

Pulmonary embolism is the most commonly diagnosed pulmonary disorder in hospitals, and one large autopsy series identified this disorder as the most common finding attributable to the cause of death.

Of about 650,000 people who have pulmonary embolism in the United States each year, 10 percent die in the first hour. The mortality rate for undiagnosed pulmonary embolism is 32 percent, but if diagnosis is made and the patient properly cared for, mortality drops to eight percent.

Some people with osteoporosis have significant pain that cannot be relieved by commonly used analgesic pain killers. Some people develop osteoporosis while or after taking steroids for another ailment.

Both of these groups may be good candidates for calcitonin injection treatment, says Dr. Angelo A. Licata. A nasal spray form of calcitonin is also being studied. Calcitonin seems to offer good results with few side effects. ▼



Pasta Aplenty

Glide volunteer Angels Israel-Miller scoops up the huge pasta donation from Golden Grains which filled the Civic Center fountain in the shape of an eagle. Glide Memorial Church, Open Hand and St. Anthony's were beneficiaries of Golden Grains' generosity.

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AIDS Briefs

Phil. Music Director Dies of AIDS

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Michael Korn, a charismatic figure in the Philadelphia music community for more than 20 years, died Aug. 29 of complications from AIDS. Korn, 44, who founded and directed the city's only professional chorus, the Philadelphia Singers, has been battling AIDS for three years. He died while awaiting radiation treatment at Pennsylvania Hospital, where he was admitted Aug. 26. Despite his illness, Korn continued to conduct until this summer, sitting in a chair because he was too weak to stand up. As late as March he founded a 130-member chorus that performs with symphony orchestras. Korn recently made arrangements for his funeral and a musical memorial at the First United Methodist Church in Germantown, where he began his career as the church music director. He will be buried in Harrisburg next to his father.

UCSF Coping Project

As the AIDS epidemic spreads, an ever-increasing number of partners are experiencing the stress of giving care to a loved one with AIDS. To date, very little is known about this type of stress. The UCSF Coping Project is asking partners of persons with AIDS to participate for two years in our project. The Project wants to learn about the stresses of caregiving, how caregivers are managing to cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects their physical health and psychological well-being. Interviews on coping will be conducted every two months either at your home or our offices at 44 Montgomery St., Suite 2716. Every six months a physical exam will be administered in our offices. Physical exams are given to monitor the effect stress can have in the body. This exam will include testing for HIV serostatus at the beginning of the project and monitoring of T4 cells every six months after the initial exam. A series of tests of memory and concentration will also be administered on a six-month basis. The purpose of these tests is to see if stress affects memory and manual dexterity. You will receive \$20 for each exam or interview. To participate in the study a person must: 1) be the partner of a man diagnosed with AIDS; 2) identify oneself and be identified by that man as his primary caregiver; 3) be healthy; 4) not be an IV drug user. For information, call 597-9177.

Volunteers Needed at California Pacific

California Pacific Medical Center needs volunteers for its AIDS Volunteer Program at the Pacific Campus and the Hospice Volunteer Program at Garden Sullivan Hospital. There will be an Open House Sept. 15, from 3-5 p.m., at Garden Sullivan Hospital, 2750 Geary Blvd. Staff and volunteers will be present to answer questions about both programs and to conduct tours of the hospital. Training sessions will be held on Sept. 24, Sept. 26, and Oct. 2, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Garden Sullivan Hospital. Call Ann or Vicki at 921-6171, ext. 310, for information and applications.

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Koop Targets Hysteria Over Doctors' AIDS Risk

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Former U.S. Surgeon Gen. C. Everett Koop has joined the effort to quell public fears about getting AIDS from doctors, saying the odds of an infected surgeon transmitting the deadly virus to a patient are less than 1 in 45,000.

Koop, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the American Medical Association and other medical groups held a news conference Aug. 29 to address public concerns and underscore their opposition to mandatory AIDS testing for health-care workers.

"I have found that the public is both concerned and confused about the real risks of getting AIDS," said Koop, who emphasized people are far likely to get the AIDS virus by sex or sharing intravenous drug needles than from health care.

To date, only one medical professional, a Florida dentist, is known to have transmitted the AIDS virus to his patients. In that widely publicized case, Dr. David Acer is thought to have infected Kimberly Bergalis and four other patients.

Six studies looking at 2,500 patients treated by other HIV-infected health-care workers have not turned up a single additional case of HIV infection related to medical care, the AMA said.

However, the furor over the Bergalis case has fueled a drive for laws that would force health-care workers to be tested for HIV. In July the Senate voted stiff criminal penalties for HIV-infected doctors and dentists who do not tell patients of their condition before performing risky procedures.

Although Koop said he can understand the emotional response to the plight of Bergalis and the others infected by Acer, the former surgeon general noted that mandatory HIV testing would offer only an illusion of safety.

The markers used to determine if a person is carrying HIV often cannot be detected for up to six months after he or she is first infected. Further, a negative test result provides no guarantee that a medical professional has not become infected since the testing date, Koop said.

Karen Ringen, a spokeswoman for AIDS Action Council, praised Koop's stand against mandatory HIV testing of health-care workers.

However, Ringen added, "It is unfortunate that we had to bring back our former surgeon general to do this. The public and Congress' fear should have been allayed by our present surgeon general and secretary of Health and Human Services."

About 700 of the nation's 685,000 doctors are known to have contracted AIDS since 1981, and another 7,000 are estimated to be infected with the human immunodeficiency virus. About 150 dentists have developed AIDS, and another 1,500 are thought to be infected.

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The CDC has calculated the chance of an HIV-infected surgeon passing the virus on to a patient during an operation ranges from 1 in 45,000 to 1 in 450,000.

That means an average surgeon, who performs about 300 operations annually, would have to work 140 years before infecting a patient, said Dr. Roy Schwarz, a senior vice president of the AMA.

A meeting of medical societies hosted by the AMA in Chicago Aug. 28 concluded that although the risk of getting HIV from a doctor is greater than zero, the threat is so small "that it may be immeasurable."

In guidelines issued last month, the CDC recommends HIV-infected health-care workers not perform invasive procedures unless they receive authorization from an expert panel and notify patients of their condition.

Further, all health-care



C. Everett Koop: No risk to patients

workers are advised to follow proper infection control procedures such as wearing gloves and sterilizing instruments.

If those rules are followed, "the very low risk of transmission of HIV during invasive procedures will be reduced to near zero," said Dr. Gary Noble of the CDC, who said his agency opposes mandatory HIV testing for health-care workers. ▼

Adult Bookstore Seized, Shut Down

United Press International

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The state Attorney General's Office padlocked the doors of an adult bookshop and video center in downtown Harrisburg Sept. 4, claiming it was a health threat.

The store will remain closed until mid-July 1992 but the store owners are not being otherwise prosecuted. Investigators found semen throughout the booths used to watch pornographic films, calling the scene a breeding ground for sexually transmitted diseases.

The booths at the Rural Book and News Center also have groin-level holes drilled through them, allowing viewers to have sex on the premises, officials said.

"Essentially, there's semen all over the place in these booths," said Jack Lewis, a spokesman for the Attorney General's Office. "It can lead to the spread of hepatitis and AIDS up to two hours after it's put there."

Acting under the state's

Real Estate Code, Attorney General Ernest Preate obtained a restraining order.

"I sought that order after an investigation by my office determined that groin-level holes in the walls between the viewing booths were routinely used by male customers to perform sexual acts such as masturbation and oral sex," Preate said.

"My investigation found that floors, walls and seats in the booths often were covered with semen, and medical experts told me that this kind of activity could lead to the spread of disease," he said.

Using the same argument and targeting the same types of "glory holes," Preate is seeking the closure of another Dauphin County adult video center, the Adult Gift Shoppe, Reed Township, in court.

Deputy Attorney General Ronald Costen said the action, to his knowledge, marked the fourth time in the nation's history that an adult bookstore had been closed for health reasons. ▼

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World News

Gays in Japan Join Amnesty International Push

by Rex Wockner

Japan's Association for the Gay and Lesbian Movement, the country's leading gay rights group, has joined the worldwide campaign against Amnesty International.

Amnesty's 30th international conference is taking place in Yokohama Sept. 1-7 and delegates will again vote on the "controversial" proposal to begin adopting gays and lesbians jailed because of their sexual orientation as "prisoners of conscience."

At present, Amnesty only adopts homosexuals when their arrests result from speaking out for gay rights (i.e., when its a free-speech issue) or when they are subjected to prison "treatment" designed to make them heterosexual.

Gays and lesbians arrested simply for being gay, those nabbed for belonging to gay

organizations, rounded up in bar raids, or jailed for violating laws against gay sex, among others, do not qualify for Amnesty adoption.

Amnesty says many of its African, Asian and Latin American sections oppose extending the organization's services to gays and lesbians per se. In general, sections in Europe and North America favor the change.

At least two proposals were expected to see a vote in Yokohama. One would extend Amnesty's mandate to include persons jailed because of their sexual identity. The other would go further and also embrace people imprisoned for gay lovemaking — in such countries as Albania, Iran, the Soviet Union and ... the United States of America. Gay sex is criminal in 24 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

It is the more "radical" pro-

posal that Japan's OCCUR pushed for when five members of the group crashed Amnesty Japan's Aug. 17 mandate review meeting.

The activists received a lukewarm reception. Amnesty Japan members said adopting sex criminals would harm the reputations of Third World sections, that there is no international law to follow on the issue of gay sex, that Amnesty Japan was unaware of discrimination against homosexuals and had no information on gay prisoners, and that it was enough that Amnesty already supports persons jailed for gay activism.

These responses from Amnesty are familiar to gay activists around the world. OCCUR members left the meeting angry and vowed to stage demonstrations and news conferences during the annual conference. ▼

French, Soviet Parents Join P-FLAG

Parents in Russia and France will have support from the International Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays as a result of outreach efforts in Paris by P-FLAG National President Paulette Goodman and in Leningrad and Moscow by Program Director Laurie Coburn.

This boosts the Parents FLAG International network to eight countries in addition to the United States and Canada.

In Paris to attend family celebrations, Goodman was interviewed by *Gai Pied* and *Lesbia*, two French magazines, and met with 14 gay men and lesbians and one mother who is willing to serve as a P-FLAG contact.

"There remains much work to be done, not only in the U.S., but internationally as well," Goodman said. "My conversations with families and friends made me aware of the great need for P-FLAG groups in France, even though it is perceived to be a liberal country. Gays and lesbians in France are mostly closeted and fearful. Except for the commonly heard derogatory remarks, homosexuality remains a taboo subject. Parents FLAG is prepared to provide information and strategies to concerned families to launch a French counterpart."

As one of 70 American delegates to the International Symposium and Film Festival held July 23 through Aug. 2 in Russia, Coburn spoke at workshops and plenary sessions, and met privately with gays and lesbians and their parents. With U.S. and Soviet delegates, she took part in a condom distribution held in front of the Moscow City Hall and the first Soviet Gay and Lesbian Rights Demonstration, held on the steps of the Bolshoi Ballet.

"I was touched by the many Russian young people who clearly longed for affirmation from their parents and were

Indian Gays Coming Out

by Rex Wockner

A gay movement has been born in India, according to a lengthy report published in the *New York Times*.

The newspaper said urban yuppies are coming out of the closet, gathering at bars, cruising at train stations, and holding hands in public parks.

"This explosion of open gay behavior is startling" to Indian society, the *Times* believes.

But Sultan Khan, a writer for *Bombay Dost*, India's first gay magazine, disagreed.

"I don't think a homophobic culture exists in India," Khan said. "We've never had the type of physical barbarism and cruelty you had in Europe. So I don't see why we can't have a gay culture. There have always been opportunities for gay sex."

"The point is that it is now a movement. ... People are recognizing that it's OK to be single. It's easier to do it if you're in the city," Khan said. "In the countryside, everybody spies on you. Conscious-

ness-raising is going to take a long time."

Bombay Dost hopes to advance the process by changing the word "khush," which means "happy," into the equivalent of "gay."

"Most people wouldn't know what it means yet," Khan said, "but that will change."

Bombay Dost Editor Ashok Row Kavi, who, the *New York Times* noted, has "lightly hennaed hair," a "gold chain around the neck and a jeweled index finger," is equally enthusiastic, but says gay rights is pretty "advanced" issue for a poverty-stricken country.

"According to Bombay City, two out of 10 people are living on the pavement here," Kavi said. "So if 20,000 gays marched for sexual rights, no one would care."

"Probably no one should care," he added.

For more information, write Ashok Row Kavi, *The Sunday Mail*, Kushesh Mansion, 48/54 Janmabhoomi Marg, Fort Bombay 400 001, India. ▼

hungry for help in coming out. Their expressions of love and gratitude for P-FLAG's presence at the symposium were almost overwhelming," said Coburn, who distributed P-FLAG buttons donated by the Washington Metropolitan Area chapter and 300 copies of a Russian translation of the Parents FLAG booklet, "About Our Children," along with copies of the summer 1990 *PFLAGpole* featuring Barbara Bush's letter to Goodman in support of the Federation.

A feminist publisher in Leningrad and a Moscow therapist volunteered to initiate the organization of Parents FLAG chapters. Both have resources available for translating and publishing PFLAG literature and will serve as contacts for parents needing support.

The Federation of Parents FLAG is a tax-exempt, non-profit network of support groups founded in 1981 to help families learn to understand, accept, and respect their gay and lesbian members; and to advocate for the civil and human rights of lesbians and gay men. P-FLAG's outreach is to members of over 270 local chapters and information help-lines, and countless others who hear of the Federation's work through the print and broadcast media. ▼

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Salk and Pepper

by Michael C. Botkin

Last week Irving Beiber, the father of psychiatric homophobia, died at age 80, of a "pulmonary obstruction." Beiber led the movement to condemn homosexuality as a "mental illness," a battle he ultimately lost when the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of disorders.

Alas, Beiber's replacements are already thronging forward. One Dr. Nicolosi, a fellow traveler of the Traditional Values Coalition, got his book on "reparative therapy" for gays accepted and distributed by the Psychotherapy Book Club. And neurobiologist Simon LeVay has just "proved" that queers have a brain deficiency.

Nicolosi is a typical, garden-variety homophobe who merely replays the old saws for quashing queerness in questionable sons. LeVay, however, brings a couple of novel twists to the crusade against homosexuality.

For starts, LeVay is gay. And he did his research on the corpses of PWAs. By comparing the brains of dead HIVers to those from "presumed heterosexuals," LeVay demonstrated differences that, he claims, are related to sexual identity.

Bad Science

The media, of course, has swallowed these claims without a qualm. LeVay is gay, and this "proves" that he's not

homophobic. Furthermore, he works at the prestigious Salk Institute.

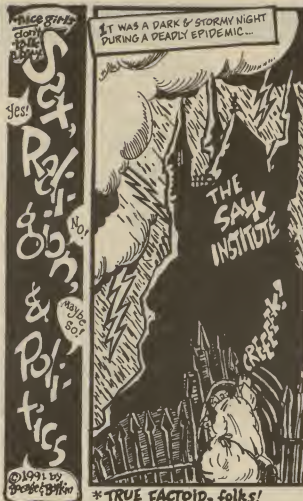
The Salk crowd has never inspired me with confidence. It was only last year that they had to cancel their "Nun Sacrifice" study, which attempted to recruit nuns as guinea pigs for an HIV vaccine. The project was dropped after it generated unwelcome negative publicity.

(However, I did enjoy the embarrassment of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, which mistakenly sent out the recruiting letter to nuns and priests. The Salk Institute, which wanted "subjects" with as little sexual experience as possible, then had to send out a follow-up letter pointedly excluding priests who, as they and I well know, don't fill this bill.)

And meeting the famous Dr. Jonas Salk himself at last year's International Conference on AIDS was a disappointing experience. He is a drooling, senile idiot, not allowed out in public without a team of "handlers" to field questions and keep him from bumping into walls or peeing in his pants.

So LeVay's Salk credentials don't impress me any more than his sexual identity. What impresses me least of all is the study itself.

For starts, you'd think any competent scientist, let alone a neurobiologist, would know better than to do a major study on brain structure using PWAs.



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We know that HIV gets into the brain, and that it can have a nasty impact when it gets there. This information alone is enough to invalidate any study on brain structure using HIVers.

In addition to this rather glaring error, it turns out that LeVay doesn't know anything about the sexual orientation of his control group, the 16 corpses "presumed heterosexual." A sloppy control like this is, again, enough by itself to invalidate the study.

LeVay's defense? He knows his controls are het because their brains are different from the HIVer corpses. Sorry, doctor; this is circular logic. You can use the sample to prove the theory or vice versa, but not both at the same time.

Cream or Dregs

But LeVay's study has a

third fatal flaw as well, one that proves to me that this sorry excuse of a "gay" researcher doesn't know what the hell he's talking about.

It is a fact that the vast majority of people who engage in homosexual behavior do not identify themselves as "gay" or "lesbian." According to the Kinsey study, still the only reliable one ever done (as attempts to fund an update are consistently derailed by Jesse Helms), about 10 percent of the population screws around with partners of the same sex on a regular basis.

But only a small fraction of these homosexuals ever go as far as labeling themselves queer (or gay, or lesbian, or bisexual, or anything other than 100 percent All-American breeder). Perhaps even as much as one percent of the U.S. population is openly gay or

lesbian (although personally I doubt the figure is that high). This means that only one out of 10 "homosexuals" are also "gay."

This fact is usually ignored by heterosexuals, who depend on widespread ignorance to cover their own covert perversions. But it casts a long shadow over any attempts to do research on "gays." Any sample of clearly identified homosexuals in fact is using a highly specific sub-group of queers.

This sub-group is, depending on your social values, either the cream of the crop or the dregs of the barrel. It's the queers who refuse to pass, although this is easy to do. It's the oddballs who won't conform, who preferred to listen to their libidos instead of to some dried-up preacher. It's the HIVers who, despite the

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Deaths

Darryl Pilcher

Darryl Pilcher, 34, editor of the recent popular gay male anthology *Certain Voices*, died of AIDS-related complications Aug. 19 at the Hospice on Mission Hill in Boston.

Pilcher was a longtime employee of Alyson Publications, where he functioned in a variety of capacities. He began work on *Certain Voices* in 1989 at the request of publisher Sasha Alyson. Pilcher named the anthology after his primary criterion for inclusion. "*Certain Voices* demanded my attention—they refused to leave my head," he explained.

Mr. Pilcher is fondly remembered by his mother, three siblings, co-workers, and friends. ▼

Robert Austin

Nov. 28, 1949–Aug. 12, 1991

Our own "Cowboy Bob" was taken from us early Aug. 19 from complications of a cruel disease we have all come to hate.

Bob was raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he graduated from Southern Utah State College with an education degree. After his escape from Utah, he settled in San Francisco to teach junior high, then went on to start a very successful travel agency.

All of Bob's close friends knew him for his bad (horrible) jokes, his forever placed cowboy hat, his toothpick, and, most exciting, his outsized tool he was so proud of.

To write about this wonderful man would take more space than this paper has to offer, so we will just say this: "We will miss you, Bob. We loved you. Until we meet again, we will think of you often." ▼

Roy Davenport

July 22, 1936–Aug. 8, 1991

Roy Davenport, a creative actor and designer, passed away quietly Thursday afternoon, Aug. 8. He learned that he had cancer in late April.

He was known for his stylish manner and decided to live his last days with his usual flair for fun, excitement and happiness. His illness required that he leave the home we were remodeling in Palm Desert on June 22. He made a decision in mid-July to take a cruise in the Bahamas with his lifelong friend Bob Denning. They returned safely to his dear friend Gracie Steel's home July 30, where she lovingly took care of him during his final days. He had a great time on the cruise and was not in any major discomfort until returning to Los Angeles.

His life was full; he was gracious, generous, talented and made all around him feel good. For him life was complete and rich. He shared these wonderful qualities with his friends and loved ones. He will be missed by his many friends in Santa Cruz, San Francisco and Palm Desert.

A celebration of Roy's life was held Sept. 1 in Palm Desert, Calif. Thank you, Roy, for being a part of our lives, Orvis S. Bryant. ▼

Donald James Perry

Aug. 11, 1942–July 15, 1991

After 29 years in the city he loved the most, and as he'd say, "At only 29 years of age," Don left us. But his kindness, smile and class remain in the hearts of those who loved him.

He is survived by four loving brothers and their families on the East Coast and his roommate, Tony.

A memorial celebration of Don's life is planned for Sept. 15. For information, please call 871-9470.

Goodbye, Don. To you we say: "Roses, roses — not forever; will time forget your loveliness ever? Never!" ▼

William H. Roberts

Oct. 29, 1944–Jan. 9, 1990

Information obtained from public records has revealed that Bill was found dead in bed in his apartment in San Francisco on Jan. 9 of PCP (AIDS).

Bill had been a sister of Perpetual Indulgence since 1981 and had the Sister name of Sister Salvation Arme, but was known as "Sal" to his fellow sisters. One of the highlights of his Sisterhood was his being crowned "Homecoming Queen" at the Feb. 12, 1982 Gay Olympics fundraiser basketball game between the Sisters and the Gay Men's Chorus.

He was an active fighter for tenant and renter rights as well as a member of the board of directors of Old St. Mary's Housing Commission. He was also active in numerous gay events such as the Lesbian and Gay (L and G) Parade Committee and in establishing a L and G Arts Foundation, which resulted in their first art display at City Hall during Gay Pride Week.

Bill was of Cuban heritage from Florida and had lived in San Francisco for approximately 11 years, working as an interior designer at Capwell's in El Cerrito and self-employed as a house cleaner for about the last five or six years of his life. Bill spent many a good evening at the Caldron getting to know people inside and out, which pleased all concerned.

He was an opera lover, accomplished artist on canvas and creative designer of drag outfits that would bring honor to any queen, with or without a throne. Bill had friends everywhere and has been missed by them. He was cremated and buried at sea just off of San Francisco. Anyone with questions may call 626-1969. ▼

Captain Lawrence Eric Gustafson

Dec. 31, 1938–Sept. 3, 1991

Captain Lawrence Eric Gustafson, USPHS, ret., died at peace Sept. 3 after a long bout with AIDS. Eric was a most charming and elegant gentleman,

kind, humorous and loving. He was a member of the Church of the Advent of Christ the King and most active in its food program. He is survived by his beloved Michael Aguilar and his companion of 15 years,

Nicholas Caputi. A solemn requiem Mass will be celebrated Sept. 7, 4:00 p.m. at the Church of the Advent of Christ the King, 261 Fell St., San Francisco, CA 94102. ▼

Richard A. Fries

Sept. 30, 1956–Aug. 25, 1991

A friend, whom I love very much. I enjoyed his laughter when we were together. Richard was from Indianapolis, Ind. He came to San Francisco to live in 1977. We met in 1982.

Richard was well-known in the gay community and was involved in the gay community in the wonderful city of San Francisco.

Richard died peacefully early Sunday morning, Aug. 25.

Richard will be missed by many good friends. Goodbye, Richard. ▼

Rodger D. Pettyjohn

Sept. 29, 1952–June 26, 1991

Composer of innovative modern classical music, children's critical care nurse, community organizer and political activist, Rodger D. Pettyjohn was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Born in St. Joseph, Mo., he began composing at age four and remained musically active throughout his life, earning degrees from the University of Texas and Texas Christian University.

Rodger began community organizing in San Francisco as the creator of the men's chamber chorus *Die Mannestimmen* in 1980 and co-founder of the Society of Gay and Lesbian Composers in 1981. It was his insistence on the members of the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco bonding together as a "family" that succeeded in bringing the group back from near extinction when he took over its directorship in September 1985.

The performance of *Journey to the Source*, the publication of *Five Songs from James Brown's "Graffiti for the Johns of Heaven"* and the KQED broadcast of *Miss Amatorius* (Erotic Mass) in 1986 marked one of Rodger's most musically prolific years.

A landmark performance by the L/GCSF premiered *For Those We Love*, joining Rodger's lyrics with poetic texts to contrast the Judeo-Christian and New Age philosophies of death. *The Best of Games Are Gay* was performed at the closing of the Gay Games II by a chorus comprised of men and women around the Bay Area to demonstrate Rodger's idea that unity within the community could be a reality. His next political step was toward breaking down the barriers of the "gay ghetto" by creating openly gay *Menage* (an octet from the L/GCSF) to perform for mainstream events as well as gay gatherings.

In the year that followed, he began to experience his disease not as the end of

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FRIDAY

AIDS and ARC Switchboard: For information and support, the switchboard is operated by people with AIDS. Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 861-7309.

Baran Gay: San Francisco support group for Filipino gays. Call 979-0154.

Young Gay Men's Rap Group: For those 23 and under. This is a non-therapy group conceived and conducted by gay & bisexual young men. 7-9 p.m. MCC, 150 Eureka, SF. 863-4434.

Living Well With AIDS/ARC: Support group based on Attitudinal Healing Principles. 1-3 p.m. Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF. 621-REST.

The Healing Circle: Support group for those whose lives have been touched in any way by AIDS/HIV. Share meditation and visualization practice; information on alternative therapies and treatments. All welcome. Fridays at 7 p.m. in Walnut Creek AIDS Task Force office. Call Rob, 932-2437.

SATURDAY

SF General AIDS Ward Volunteers Urgently Needed: Must be able to commit to a weekly 4-hour shift. Spanish-speaking especially helpful. Call 821-8193.

Lesbians Living With HIV: Ongoing drop-in support group meets Saturdays at 5 p.m. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market/Valencia, Ste. 201, SF. 565-7667.

Parents/HIV Workshop: Free Saturday forums for adults raising children in HIV-affected families. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 1841 Market, SF. Reserve for childcare. Stacey Shuster, Ph.D., 626-7000.

Women's AIDS Hotline: Call Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Saturday support group, 12-1 p.m. Diablo Valley AIDS Center. Call 688-DVAC.

Women's Clinic: Call at 8:30 a.m. for same day appointment. Pap smears, STDs, bladder & pregnancy testing, and other services. Health care by and for women. Berkeley Free Clinic, 548-2570.

SUNDAY

Stress Management Workshop: For any men interested in learning about stress and effective techniques for managing it better within the context of the epidemic. Given once a month. Call the AIDS Prevention Program at Operation Concern, 626-7000.

Kaposi's Sarcoma Support Group: Meets Sundays 4-5:30 p.m. Call 864-0432.

Afternoon Tea: Come play board games and socialize. 2-7 p.m. For PWA/PWARC/PWHIVs. Free. Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF. 621-REST.

Men's Clinic: STDs, scabies, NGUs, lice, venereal warts, etc., testing and treatment. AIDS/ARC counseling and referrals. Free and confidential. 6-8 p.m. Gay Men's Health Collective, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 644-0425.

MONDAY

San Mateo County Public Health Department Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic: Drop-in clinic offers diagnosis and treatment for most STDs and both anonymous and confidential HIV antibody testing. Tuberculosis Clinic also available. Sliding scale fee structure, some services are free. STD Clinic, 573-2516; TB Clinic, 573-2514.

Young Women's Group: For bisexual, lesbian and questioning women age 23 and under, sponsored by Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC). Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at the Women's Bldg, 3583 18th St., SF. Jenna, 292-4929, or Beth, 531-4612.

Gay Men's Support Group: Facilitated by Stuart Horace beginning Sept. 9, meets for 8 consecutive Mondays, 7-9 p.m. \$10/session. Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., #12, San Anselmo. Call 457-1115.

Lesbian Support Group: Facilitated by Nancy Ruben beginning Sept. 16, meets every other Monday through Dec. 16, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10/session. Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., #12, San Anselmo. Call 457-1115.

Tai Chi Workout: Slow, simple exercises based on Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements to relax, reduce stress and invigorate in Tai Chi atmosphere. Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$5/class, HIVers free. 50 Oak/Van Ness, SF. 255-0265.

Gay Asian/Pacific Alliance HIV Project: Providing emotional & practical support for Asian/Pacific Islanders. Call Lori Lee, 512-3400.

Madrin Rap Group: Support one another concerning daily living & relationships. No fee. Limited number. Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m. Call 647-1479 or write P.O. Box 460534, SF, CA 94146.

TUESDAY

Quit Smoking Clinic: The SF Dept. of Public Health offers a seven-session course to quit smoking for persons with HIV infection. Begins Oct. 1, meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. \$35 fee includes all materials. Health Center #1, 3850 17th St., SF. Size limited, for info or advanced registration call 554-9763, Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Psychotherapy Group for Lesbian Mothers: Focus on how our childhood experiences influence our present parenting attitudes, beliefs and behavior. Starting date is Tuesday, Oct. 1. Call Saralie Pennington, LCSW, at Operation Concern, 626-7000.

AIDS Vision Loss Support Group: Meets Tuesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. Rose Resnick Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush/Larkin, SF. 441-1980.

Asian Gay Men's Support Group: 6:30-8 p.m. The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 548-8283.

WEDNESDAY

Home Care Companion Training: Shanti Project and Home Care Companions provide free training for those caring for people with AIDS/ARC at home. Call Barbara, 777-2273, or Cell, 824-3269.

Bereavement Support: Private group for senior gay men who have lost loved ones by Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders. George, 626-7000.

Showing Your True Colors: A support group for people with visible ailments associated with AIDS (wasting syndrome, lymphoma, KS, etc.) meets Wednesdays. Call Peter for more info, 863-7958.

Evening Lectures on A Course in Miracles: Meditation & discussion led by Frank A. Tiberi. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin & Geary, SF. California Miracles Center sponsors, 621-2556.

Open Support Group for Women with HIV: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Supervised childcare provided. The Women's Bldg, 1843 18th St., SF. Carlin, 921-3680.

THURSDAY

Rainbow's End: Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth group for ages 24 and under meets Thursdays, Sept. 5, 12 & 19. Drop-in time, 6:30-7 p.m.; group time, 7-9 p.m. Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., #12, San Anselmo. Call 457-1115.

Accessing Our Inner Healer: Thursday nights of guided relaxation, visualizations, simple movement to empower our self-healing. 7:30 p.m. \$12. 333 Dolores, SF. Doug, 626-5246.

Al Anon for Black Gays & Lesbians: Thursdays, 7:30-8:45 p.m., at Bethany United Methodist Church, 1268 Sanchez, SF (entrance on Clipper). Call 626-5634 or 995-2581.

African American HIV+/ARC/AIDS Support Group: Gain independence and reduce isolation and make better use of AIDS services. Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness, 3rd floor smoking lounge, SF. 864-4376.

Insurance/Employer Benefits Clinic: Thursdays at 6:15, 7 & 7:45 p.m. Free 45-min. private session with an attorney on benefits, COBRA and insurance problems. 114 Sansome, Suite 1103, SF. 291-5454.

ARC Drop-In For PWAs: Support, information and stress reduction. 6-8 p.m. Health Center 1, 3850 17th St./Noe, Rm. 201, SF. 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-In Group for Men and Women Testing Positive: 6-8 p.m. Operation Concern, 1853 Market, SF. 626-7000.

Grants Available For Tax-Exempt Organizations

The BAPHR Foundation, the fundraising and grant-making arm of the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, announced the start of its 1991 granting cycle. Grant applications will be accepted until Sept. 20.

To qualify for consideration, an applicant must be 501(c)3 tax-exempt under federal law or have a tax-exempt sponsor.

The foundation will consider grants for specific, clearly identified projects affecting gay and/or lesbian health or wellness issues within the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The foundation does not fund operating budgets (staff salaries, office expenses, etc), foundations, endowments or clinical research projects. Grants cannot be made without an application.

The foundation expects to fund about \$30,000 in grants this year.

For grant application forms, write to the BAPHR Foundation, P.O. Box 15005, San Francisco, CA 94115, or for further information call BAPHR, at (415) 558-9353. ▼

Suzanne's Recycling

Suzanne Epstein, president of Suzanne's Muffins retail bakeries, announces that foam cup recycling will take place at all seven of her Bay Area locations in conjunction with the CARE (Cups Are REcyclable) program instituted by Dart Container Corp.

Suzanne's outlets in Emeryville, Los Altos and Danville represent the first and only system for the recycling of polystyrene foam in these communities.

The other Suzanne's Muffins outlets involved in the program are at Castro and Fremont Streets in San Francisco, Piedmont Avenue in Oakland and University Avenue in Palo Alto. After Suzanne's customers consume their hot or cold drinks, they place their foam cups in special collection bins. Each week the cups are picked up and crushed in a Dart designed "densifier."

This super compactor crushes 8,000 foam cups into a cylinder 15 inches high and 16 inches in diameter, weighing 40 pounds. Crushing the foam in the densifier greatly improves the economics of storage and transportation to a reprocessing center for recycling.

Dart Container takes the densified foam back to the National Polystyrene Recycling Company in Hayward for reprocessing. The recycled polystyrene can be reused in packaging such as egg cartons or made into durable consumer goods such as video cassettes, building insulation, desk equipment, toys and flower pots. Because polystyrene is a thermoplastic, it can be recycled over and over again. ▼

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HIVCare at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital Announces Patient Recruitment for the Following Studies:



A Phase III clinical trial of Rifabutin Therapy for the prevention of Mycobacterium avium Complex (MAC) Bacteremia in AIDS patients.

A Phase II non-comparative, open study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of VS103 (daunorubicin encapsulated in liposomes) in the treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma in patients with AIDS.

A Phase II double-blind clinical trial to compare the efficacy of continued AZT vs. ddI for the treatment of patients with AIDS or ARC and increased symptomatology despite treatment with AZT.

A Phase I/II escalating dose study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Amphotericin B Colloidal Dispersion (ABCD) in patients with HIV-related documented cryptococcal meningitis.

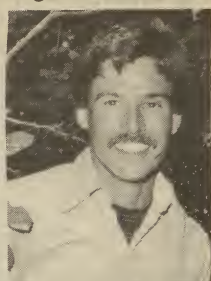
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For more information about these and other studies contact HIVCare Client Coordinator Drew Catapano at (415) 775-4321, ext. 2512. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

A. Lindley Cotton

Nov. 16, 1946–Aug. 21, 1991

Lin Cotton will best be remembered as a "life enhancer" for all with whom he came in contact. His overflowing enthusiasm for nature, exploration, and entertaining touched and changed many lives. He actively supported numerous causes promoting gay and lesbian rights, to combat HIV disease, and to conserve nature.



The grandson of the late San Mateo superior court Judge Aylett Rains Cotton and son of the late Martha Jane Knecht Cotton was born in San Francisco and grew up in Hillsborough. He died of HIV-related complications at California Pacific Medical Center.

Lin headed his own landscape architectural firm in San Francisco and Mill Valley. In the early 1980s he was a partner in Twin Peaks Gourmet, one of The City's first upscale food emporiums, and Picnic Productions, a fanciful party planning service. For the past several years he was a partner in The Rockpile Press, producers of the successful James McNair cookbook series. He was the author of two books, *All About Landscaping* and *How to Design and Build Decks and Patios*, and was a co-author of a weekly column on landscaping for the San Francisco Chronicle.

He co-authored *Trees for San Francisco*, a booklet for the Friends of the Urban Forest which won the top national award for publications from The American Society of Landscape Architects. As an avid longtime proponent of prescribed burning for California's forest, he served as an advisor to the National Park Service.

The fourth-generation Californian served for several years as a vice-president of the Society of California Pioneers and had served on the boards of the Golden Gate Business Association, Strybing Arboretum, and the Friends of the Bancroft Library. He was an active member of the Bohemian Club and the Price Club.

Lin was a graduate of Menlo School in Atherton and University of California Davis and received a master's degree in landscape architecture at University of California Berkeley. While at UC Davis, Lin organized a local chapter of the Chi Phi fraternity and served as president. His passions included biking, designing, entertaining, exploring, gardening, hiking, reading, and skiing.

He is survived by his lover, John Carr of San Francisco; his partner-companion, James McNair of San Francisco and Lake Tahoe; his pets, Michael, Joshua, Addie Prey, Dweasel Pickle, and Zeke; his father, Aylett Cotton of Hillsborough, his sisters, Kristi Cotton-Spence of San Mateo and Gail Cotton High of San Francisco, a large and loving extended family, and a host of friends.

A celebration of Lin's life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 8 at Borel Place in San Mateo. The gathering will take place on the site of his great-grandfather Antoine Borel's estate where Lin spent the happiest times during his youth.

Contributions to The Lin Cotton Lookout at Lake Tahoe Fund, 1611 Borel Place, San Mateo, California 94402, are preferred. The fund will be used to transform a public park overlooking the north shore of Lake Tahoe, one of his favorite places.

HIV Watch

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stigma heaped on them for being fuckpigs, had enough pride in themselves to proclaim their gay identity instead of pretending they got AIDS from injection drugs, hypothetical transfusions or being spit on by an PWA.

So if LeVay actually did find a difference between the "gay" brains and the "presumed heterosexual" brains, this reflects a difference in social identity, not in sexuality.

Spice

LeVay piously hopes that his research will alleviate discrimination against gays. It makes you wonder what planet he's spent the past decade on. His study comes just as the promoters of homophobia are getting ready to renew their crusade.

Now that LeVay has "proved" that queerness is caused by brain damage, we can expect a host of quacks to use this disinformation to fuel homophobia. They'll offer lobotomies and brain surgery as "cures" for homosexuality.

The U.S. military will have a heyday with this. Hard

pressed to end their persecution against gays and lesbians, now they will claim that it is justified because queers are mental defectives.

Some hope that this study can be used to show that queerness has a physiological cause, and therefore isn't just a choice made by whimsical youth. But they overlook the homophobes' immunity to logic. They are fully capable of having it both ways, of cursing us for embracing our flaws at the same time they pity us for our brain defects.

It just goes to show that you can't be too careful about what you do with your body, even after you're dead.

If you "leave your body to science," you might want to specify what kind of research it can be used for. Do you really want a ghoulish LeVay using your corpse?

As for me, I've left very specific instructions for the disposal of my remains. They are to be cremated, and the ashes distributed in the pepper shakers of a \$1,000-a-plate Republican fundraising dinner — preferably one in honor of Jesse Helms.

While I don't usually fantasize about being eaten by Republicans, I hope that my last act spices up things a bit. ▼

Falwell

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possible.

"We simply cannot allow the homosexuals to continue to destroy American morality — and force an acceptance of their lifestyle in our schools, our churches and all other areas of public life!" he concluded.

In the attached "poll on 'gay rights,'" Falwell asks four questions, each worded so as to get the requested response.

"Do you agree that homosexuals and lesbians should be given preferential treatment under the guise of so-called 'gay rights' laws in the same manner as bonafide (sic) minorities?" the first question asks.

The gay activist who became aware of the direct-mail letter through unspecified sources reacted to the appeal with uncharacteristic outrage.

"Initially, I think that at last Jerry Falwell has got it right: that lesbians and gays are a powerful political force," said Gregory King, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "I think all the exam-

ples he used were terrific. But I think that when he suggested that lesbians and gay people somehow are going to rule America and that we have a vicious anti-family, anti-American agenda, he crossed the line. This is an absolute outrage. Where the hell does he get off challenging the patriotism of any American?" ▼

Olympic

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'significant others' of current members whether they are enthusiastic about a co-ed environment for their partners. One can only speculate about the strife that could develop at home," the letter reads.

"Unbelievable," City Attorney Louise Renne said. "In this day and age that's just really funny. We still have our lawsuit on file. The board of directors has obviously come to its senses and I hope the majority of the membership of the Olympic Club will support the board."

The club's board is seeking to change the language of the bylaws to end gender discrimination.

"It's absurd for a small group of dissident members to continue to fight this fight. It's sort of like the right wing in the Soviet Union fighting democracy," she said.

Gender and sexual orientation discrimination are prohibited under the city's Human Rights Ordinance and the state Unruh Civil Rights Act.

"It's clear that they want to go down fighting. We will continue to fight and will eventually prevail. It's not going to be easy, but we'll keep at it," Renee told the Bay Area Reporter. ▼

Major

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claiming the regular testing amounts to the Air Force "policing" him.

"If they want to test people when they enter, OK," he said. "It makes sense to check people for AIDS at that point. But later, if you have no symptoms and no risk factors, it seems like they're policing me."

Campbell, who is married and has three children, said he has not used drugs or received a blood transfusion.

But in mid-August, an Air Force officer investigating Campbell's refusal recommended court martial proceedings against him, arguing that the government has an obligation to see that its military personnel sent to foreign countries do not spread the virus.

AIDS activists, however, say the Pentagon is actually trying to identify gay men and IV drug users, two groups that have been most affected by the epidemic, to force them out of the military. ▼

Condomania

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and humorous novelty items, including T-shirts, posters, postcards and "rubbers" attuned to current events.

The humor runs from mildly risqué to good-natured raunch, but consistently avoid lechery. Camouflaged-packaged "Desert Shields," for example, contain one prof-IRAQ-tic, "to prevent the spread of naked aggression."

On the serious side, the store sells more than 150 styles of condoms, including many commonly manufactured by American companies and available in local drug stores, but also several hard-to-find brands imported from Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom.

Glickman said that although some U.S. manufacturers produce quality condoms, those made abroad, especially by the Japanese, are thinner and stronger, which appeals to the curiosity of shoppers looking for variety in their birth control.

Condomania arrives in Los Angeles in October, and by next year, stores should also open in San Francisco and Boston. And, a mail-order catalogue is in the works.

"People should start to think about buying condoms like they think about buying shoes," Glickman said.

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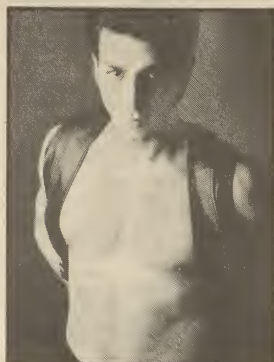
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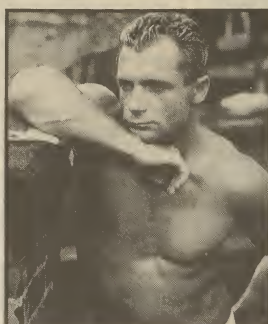
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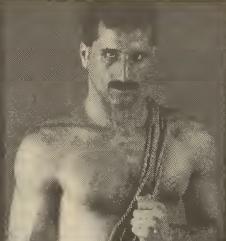
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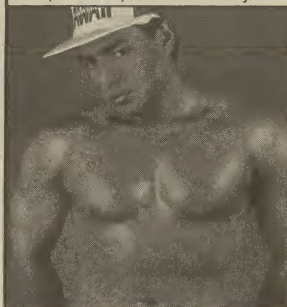
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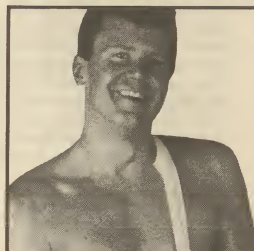
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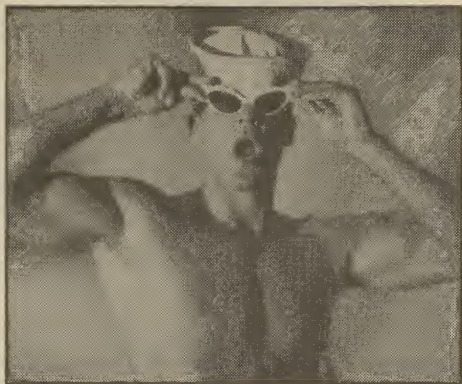
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TB

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any symptoms. But the disease thrives where it finds deficient immune response: In people with AIDS, the incidence of TB is about 500 times that of the HIV-negative population. Sites outside the lungs become involved about 70 percent of the time.

"TB can spread like wildfire in HIV residences," said Tony Paz, program manager for San Francisco's TB Control Division.

Such group-living situations bring susceptible people together in the crowded, indoor environment the TB germ needs to pass from one individual to another.

AIDS Hospice Outbreak

A TB outbreak last winter and spring at Peter Claver Community reveals how quickly TB can make itself at home in housing where HIV is already prevalent.

As reported in the *Bay Area Reporter* in March, Peter Claver Community is a predominantly gay, Catholic Charities-run residence for homeless or imminently homeless people with AIDS or ARC. Last year the residence was marked by controversy regarding the dismissal

of its new, HIV-positive director and widespread complaints by residents that the staff was insensitive to their needs.

As the controversy heated up, one Claver occupant was found to have tuberculosis a month after moving into the house. A month later, a second resident came down with TB. And the month after that, four more residents were admitted to local hospitals with symptoms of pulmonary TB.

The San Francisco Health Department finally came around to Peter Claver 10 weeks after the first tuberculosis case was noted. The 17 remaining residents and 14 staff were screened for TB, with seven residents and four staff members responding positively to the standard TB skin test.

It turned out that three residents who tested positive had active, contagious TB. So did three of the residents who tested negatively. All together, 12 cases of active pulmonary tuberculosis cropped up among Peter Claver's 23 residents.

4 Died in Outbreak

Four residents recovering from TB died in the course of the outbreak. If tuberculosis did not kill them outright, the debilitating illness certainly helped push them over the edge.

Dennis, the last at Peter Claver diagnosed with TB, illustrates the complexities involved. He tested negative during the Health Department screening, and his private physician recommended against using INH, the standard preventive drug against active TB because of his hepatitis-induced abnormal liver function. INH itself can impair liver functioning. A month later he was admitted to the hospital with the fevers, chills and nonproductive cough typical of TB.

Dennis eventually succumbed with serious liver problems, an event some of his fellow residents blame on the TB medication, but Paz maintains that Dennis wasn't taking the drugs long enough to do that kind of damage.

Liver toxicities from TB medication is particularly a problem in alcoholics, many of whom already have damaged livers. But hepatitis and various HIV-related infections also can affect liver function. In a place like Peter Claver, liver malfunction must be common and requires close monitoring during TB therapy.

Dennis' lack of a positive TB test is also not unusual for HIVers. Andy Bowlds, Peter Claver's former director, recalls that the initial resident with TB also tested negative when he first entered Peter Claver the month before becoming ill.

"I had to personally walk him into the clinic and insist that he get tested again," Bowlds recalled. "The doctor didn't think it was necessary.

Then, they wanted to send him back, but I pleaded to have him hospitalized until he was noncontagious."

The slowness of the response to the Peter Claver tuberculosis outbreak was striking, but it represented an unfamiliar situation for medical authorities.

"This thing was very educational to all of us," Paz emphasized. "Physicians either have not seen TB in a long time or they are seeing it under new conditions, like those created by HIV."

Frequent Screening Urged

One of the obvious preventive measures that could be carried out to halt the spread of TB would be frequent screening of residences' inhabitants.

According to Sophia Chaing, who is head of health services for San Francisco's AIDS Office, the Health Department last year tried to impose annual skin tests and chest X-rays on group houses for people with AIDS.

The residences objected because of the cost, and the Health Department settled for screening only new members of the houses.

"In retrospect we should have been stricter," Chaing said.

Although annual screening is now in effect, it remains to be seen whether that is sufficient. The Peter Claver history indicates otherwise. There, HIVers with impaired immune response tested negative, and TB then developed in them with unusual speed.

"There is no reason to panic — TB is treatable in people with HIV. But it is a thing that has to be worried about, like T-cells, and guarding against it should be part of regular care," said Chaing.

Peter Claver director Julia Dickinson emphasizes the work her staff is doing to detect and isolate residents with active TB. "We have helped develop new protocols for TB testing and screening in HIV-positive people," she said.

As Dickinson recognized, fighting tuberculosis is a community effort. It requires that lay people and doctors alike be alert to its symptoms, the manner in which it is transmitted, and the way AIDS changes the disease's behavior.

The question is whether city governments are up to the educational and monitoring tasks needed to create this awareness. At the public TB clinic in San Francisco General Hospital, patients' visits have increased by nearly a quarter since 1988 while city funding decreases by a few percent each year.

"If they keep chopping services, the situation will get much worse," Paz said. It would be a tragedy for HIVers if something so easily prevented as TB got out of hand because of a lack of strict, AIDS-conscious surveillance programs. ▼

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Brain

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men than in heterosexual men, a characteristic that is being viewed by experts as the first credible evidence that homosexuality may be biologically determined.

In a study published Aug. 30 in the journal *Science*, LeVay reported that he examined a part of the brain called the hypothalamus, which regulates many body functions, such as temperature. Previous studies with animals have indicated that a segment of the hypothalamus called interstitial nuclei of the anterior hypothalamus (INAH) governs sexual activity.

Roger Gorski, a neurologist at UCLA, has studied the INAH area in human brains looking for distinctions between men and women. He found that one small segment about the size of a grain of sand — INAH 3 — is twice as large in men as in women.

LeVay credited Gorski and his team for "pointing a finger" and opening up an array of possibilities. "It was very important. Without that information, one wouldn't have known where to look," LeVay said in a phone interview Sept. 3.

The neuroscientist, who is also a gay man, said, "I've been very curious about what generated my sex drive." Since his "line of work" is in brain structure — how the brain structure is developed and altered by early visual perceptions to create the adult brain — LeVay decided to take a look.

The AIDS epidemic made possible the "availability" of brain tissue where the sexual orientation was known. LeVay studied brain tissue from 41 cadavers: 19 gay men who had died of AIDS complications; 16 presumably heterosexual men, six of whom died of AIDS; and six presumably heterosexual women.

He said that he studied the tissue without knowing the sexual orientation or sex of the donor. When he later matched his data to personal files, he noted that the size of the INAH 3 in the heterosexual men was twice the size of that in the women and gay men.

LeVay also said that the large size in heterosexual men remained the same whether the men died of AIDS or some other disease. This, LeVay noted, is an important point, as it indicates that AIDS did not make a structural difference.

However, LeVay said his small study needs to be duplicated. Additionally, he said the "down side" of the study was the lack of women.

"It is a major limitation to my hypothesis," LeVay said. He said a complementary study is needed for lesbians with the hypothesis being that if the sex drive of gay men and straight women is directed to males, then perhaps another region of the hypothalamus, further posterior, generates a sex drive directed to females.

LeVay is clear that his study is not the final word on cause and effect. "I don't know, certainly not from my work or anything else, what causes homosexuality. But I certainly think that it's intrinsic enough to people's nature that it would be totally unjustified to treat gay people other than just another minority, as another different characteristic."

LeVay also has a sense of

humor about his findings. "In the silly matters of sex, where size is everything, it's kind of embarrassing to say gay men's structure's a bit smaller than heterosexual men," he said with a laugh.

Though LeVay said he is surprised and overwhelmed by the media response to his study, he will not admit whether or not his sudden fame has won him any dates. However, he says he was noticed in several San Diego gay bars after being interviewed on television news. "Let's just say it's an entree to meeting people," LeVay said with a laugh.

LeVay had more than scientific curiosity invested in this study. His lover of 21 years, physician Richard Hersey, died last year of AIDS.

"When someone dies like that, it makes you think what your life is about and what you want to do with your life. It made me realize that if I was going to do anything, I should get on and do it," he said. Though that made each AIDS case "pretty painful reading," LeVay said it was "a crime not to."

Reaction in the gay community to LeVay's study ranges from elation to fears of futuristic genetic selection.

"Everybody is talking about their hypothalamus today," said Torie Osborn, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. "And the way they're doing it with such campy self-deprecating humor is great, especially for a community that has a reputation for size queens. I think it's an extremely positive and significant step forward for the lesbian and gay community because it directly counters the current right-wing homophobic ideology which says being gay is a lifestyle of choice and as such is perverted."

Tim Drake, director of the Privacy Project at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, says he prefers to "err on the side of caution." Drake said he is surprised by the media attention. "They're not interested in us as people, they're interested in us as oddities and that's somewhat offensive," he said.

The study, he said, is not the final word on the cause of homosexuality. "It's an issue that is interesting, that's going to effect the debate. But it's also an issue that can be used on both sides of the debate. The idea that the religious opposition will be dropped can be countered with 'Oh, now that we know

the cause we can go in and do some genetic engineering and fix the problem.' Whether or not it's nature or nurture is interesting, but not really decisive in addressing the problems of discrimination."

Mary Newcombe, Los Angeles staff lawyer for Lambda Legal and Education Fund, said the study of homosexuality involves a whole range of questions about sexual orientation such as choice and role playing. "You have to be glad that this kind of research is happening, but we must realize it has limitations and not leap to conclusions about it," she said.

In particular Newcombe noted the lack of self-identified lesbians in the study. "Does this mean we have a hypothalamus the size of a golf ball in the back of our heads? We don't understand sexual orientation yet; however, this study supports our argument that sexual orientation as a classification is entitled to heightened protection under the Equal Protection Clause," she said.

LeVay acknowledged that "everybody's going to interpret this according to their own prejudices." He compared the concern about genetic engineering to the fears expressed by feminists in the

1970s that finding intrinsic differences between the sexes would become an excuse to prevent girls from involvement in activities traditionally reserved for boys. He also recalled the fear that letting parents discover the sex of their child prior to birth might result in abortion.

It will take a long time to understand the brain, LeVay said, "but at the point we do, we will have the power to change it. It's inevitable. And when that happens, society is going to be faced with questions whether they want to make a race of clones or whether they can say, 'Let's value and preserve the diversity nature has endowed us with.' One of the greatest ambitions that the human race has is to understand the workings of the human mind. But when we do, it carries this risk. Hopefully, we'll be mature enough to use that knowledge wisely." ▼

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TAKI TALK

by Brandon Judell

If the name Taki doesn't ring any of your bells, you've been too lax in renewing your *Vanity Fair* subscription. The son of a Greek shipping tycoon, John Theodoracopoulos, Taki has had a rather pampered infancy, youth, teenagerdom, adulthood — and, no doubt, when he enters his coffin, that experience will be quite pleasurable, too. Rich, extremely right-wing and witty, Taki has all the right friends, acquaintances and fans (Tom Wolfe, William Buckley, Richard Nixon, Gore Vidal). He's won many of these with his columns in the above mentioned *Vanity Fair*, plus *Esquire*, *Interview* and London's *Spectator*.

In his latest book, *Nothing to Declare* (Atlantic Monthly Press; \$19.95), Taki recounts his three-month stay in Britain's Pentonville prison after being caught with an envelope of cocaine on his person. Although prison wouldn't be fun for the majority of us, imagine the vexation jail must be for an affluent and refined gentleman. It'd be like Queen Elizabeth getting on her knees to scour Margaret Thatcher's crapper.

The experience was so traumatic for Taki that he actually experienced some homosexual tinglings:

"And speaking of sex, I found myself staring at a young inmate's legs this afternoon — an inmate, mind you, who looked highly effeminate. It reminded me of boarding school, when one would look at another boy in the showers, but didn't want to know why. Thank God my

sentence is short because, sooner or later, even the most heterosexual of species will turn towards its own if deprived of the opposite sex."

Happily for us, Taki kept his homosexual yens under control and left prison as straight and as narrow as when he had entered. Also, happily, he has written a clever book that might have been a terrific one if his half-baked political views and congratulatory, insipid remarks about his pals had been locked up alongside with his poofertesque urges.

A few things should be expounded upon, before you start the following interview, which took place in Taki's rather grand upper East Side town house in Manhattan: 1) Joan Collins liked him as a lover; 2) a recent *Variety* reports Sylvester Stallone sued Taki and won a huge settlement; 3) Taki loves to shock and will say almost anything to create a scandal. Whether he really believes what he says, doesn't matter any more. Since he's putting it into print, he'll have to live with it.

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B.A.R.: Do you have a lot of gay friends in the international set?

Taki: I have a friend of mine called John G. In fact, he's now the Marquess of B. His father died, John G. is extremely gay. He's married, of course, to a beautiful girl whom I'm after, but unsuccessfully. He's gay, irresponsible and just did eight months for possession of cocaine. When he arrived at the airport, he had permission to leave the country before

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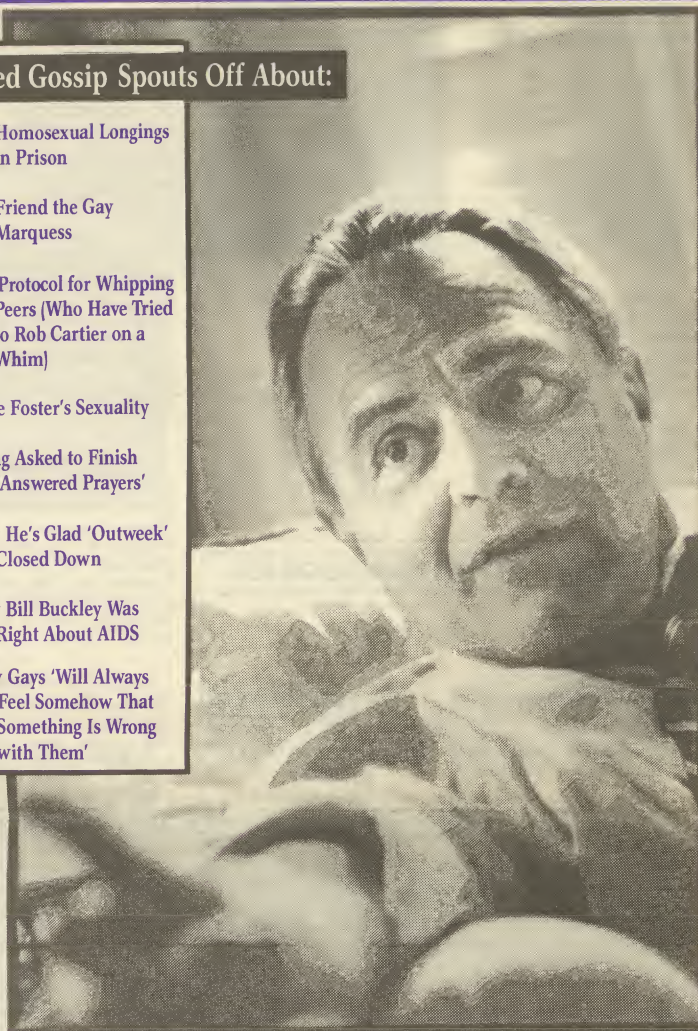
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(Photo: Susan Johann)

serving his sentence.

When he landed, they asked, "Lord German, how was your last holiday?"

"It was a disaster, old boy."

"Why is that?"

He said, "Well, first of all, the Rolls Royce never worked. It broke down. The weather was horrendous. I never once went out on my

boat. It was too rough. And then, darling, David died."

David was his boyfriend, his best friend. That's how he saw things. The Rolls, the weather, his best friend. After he came out of prison, he went to Australia. He decided to give up England. His father had done time, too. On a prank he had robbed Cartier

in 1933. He was the last peer to be whipped, but he had to be whipped by peers, you see. If you are a peer, you can't be punished by just anybody. So they brought some filthy old Lord in to whip him. (Laughs.)

Now John goes and decides to go out and leave Eng-

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Essential Sounds

by Jim Fouratt

Editor's note: This week the B.A.R. introduces "Ear Candy," a new column by longtime music writer (Village Voice, Spin, Rolling Stone, Billboard, Outweek) and gay activist Jim Fouratt.

Here is a list of essential sounds to take with you when you leave the job, the city and the urban social scene and take body and libido to the beach/country/mountain for frolic and recharging — or just take a long weekend in bed with a significant other. Listed below are a fail-safe list of musi-

cal grooves to guarantee hours of ear pleasure, political incorrectness and complete *au courant*-ness.

Presuming you have already packed your Lillian Allen, Jimmy Somerville, Tracy Chapman, Erasure, Diamanda, Madonna, Queen Latifah, etc. be sure to pit stop at the local beat mall and scarf up the following:

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Camouflage
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massage a physical surrender to that place of complete chakra balance. Not unlike the soothing swirl of sound, the body implodes in the post orgasmic release of tantric energy. Surprisingly German in origin. Munich bred sans loops, dubs, samples. Material spiritualism indeed.

Sparks
The Ultimate Collection
(Rhino)

Long before "outing" and Bruce Weber homoeroticism, Sparks played the dangerous game of making you guess are they or are they not. Even though they wrote songs like "I Like Girls" (Gosh, I always

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Of Heart and Home

Theatre Rhino
Opens Its
14th Season
With 'Home Visit'

by Noreen C. Barnes

The relationship between a young lesbian and her parents during her father's serious illness is the subject of *Home Visit*, which opens the 14th season of Theatre Rhinoceros Sept. 7.

Home Visit is based on Bay Area playwright Lauren



Lauren Cuttler

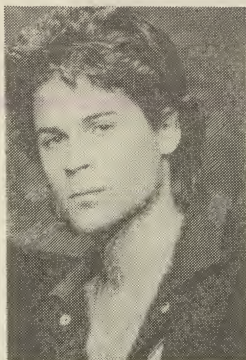
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Out There

GAY AND FUNNY TIDBITS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

by Daniel Mangin and Kevin Davis

K.D. LANG FLICK COMES TO MILL VALLEY: Is it or isn't it a lesbian love story? The distributor won't say, so you be the judge when *Salmonberries*, starring singer k.d. lang, finally plays the Bay Area as part of the Mill Valley film fest. Closing night film at the MVFF is Gus Van Sant's *My Own Private Idaho*. Also of gay interest: Jan Oxnberg's *Thank You and Goodnight* and the latest from Marlon Riggs, *Color Adjustment*, about African Americans in the mass media.



Getting caught with his pants down is less costly this time for Rob Lowe.

'HUNG' JURY NIXED BY GERALDO: Mark Mehler writes of *Geraldo*, "Some firm guidelines have been set. Bestiality and necrophilia are off limits. And a segment on fetishes, featuring members of the Hung Jury, a club whose entry requirement is substantial genital proportions, was taped but never aired."

ROB LOWE 'TRICKED' AT URINAL: Is that a salacious head or what? Speaking of heads, a 10-year-old kid snapped a picture of Rob Lowe at a urinal. Lowe paid the kid \$50 for the film. Now there's an easy trick.

MADONNA AND JODIE, TOGETHER AT LAST: Rumor has it that Tri-Star is about to sign Madonna and Jodie Foster for Gus Van Sant's *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*.

MADONNA AND (FIERSTEIN'S?) CHILD: Speaking of the fab one, in the September *Allure* Tracy Young quotes Madonna as saying that she wants a child, and if Harvey Fierstein is the father, the child would be "born to be Wilde."

GARBO EXORCISED BY LESBIAN LOVER: In the summer issue of *Film Quarterly*, John Fell reviews *Garbo*, a bio by Antoni Gronowicz. In the book, Garbo is said to "enjoy an exorcism performed by one of her lesbian lovers."

WOODY'S HOOKERS: In the October *Details*, Lance Loud interviews Lily Tomlin. She says she, Jodie Foster and Kathy Bates play prostitutes in Woody Allen's *Shadows and Fog*, and recalls Mr. Blackwell chastising her for wearing a tiara to the '75 Oscars.

STARS IN TORONTO: Toronto's Festival of Festivals, Sept. 5-14, will be a star-studded event, what with its North American premiere of *My Own Private Idaho*. River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves will attend, as will Jodie Foster and Lily Tomlin. Joining the Hollywood stars will be the B.A.R.'s Warren Sontbert, that star of the avant-garde, whose *Short Fuse* gets its North American premiere at the festival. The festival also includes Charles Sturridge's film version of E.M. Forster's *Where Angels Fear to Tread*.

CASTRO COUP: Anita Monga, after long and arduous negotiations, scored the SF engagement of Tomlin's long-awaited film version of *Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe* for the Castro Theatre. The film will play Nov. 1-21.

COUP II: Also at the Castro is a don't-miss-it reprise of the 1968 Japanese classic, *Black Lizard* (Oct. 4-10), which features Yukio Mishima's former lover, actor/female impersonator Akihiro Maruyama as the jewel-thieving "Black Lizard." The film played the SF gay film fest years ago, but has been re-released by Cinevista and will play the art house circuit. Mishima himself appears briefly in the film — as a statue.

GAY CALENDAR: It's a pretty gay Castro Theatre calendar altogether, with single-night screenings of *Truth or Dare* (Sept. 21), *Spartacus* (Sept. 22), *Death in Venice/The Conformist* (Sept. 25); a new print of Jean Cocteau's masterful *Orpheus* (Sept. 26); the Mexican gay film *Dona Herlinda and Her Son* (Oct. 2) on a double bill with the 1971 Fannie Flagg/Candy Dar-



ling/Rue McClanahan vehicle, *Some of My Best Friends Are ...* (you know what!); the only-at-the-Castro audience-participation version of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* (Oct. 15, on a bill with *Reflections in a Golden Eye*); and "Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters"

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night of the *Mildred Pierce* screening, sashayed her way (with perfect timing) up to the front row just as the organist finished "San Francisco." A brief wave to her adoring fans, and the lights dimmed. Marvelous.

DORIS AND TIPPI LIVE ON! And will live on and on in the seven-years-in-the-making *Vegas in Outer Space*, which gets its world premiere Oct. 11 at a Castro Theatre screening to benefit the production and Shanti Project. The Phil Ford-directed *Vegas* stars the great Ms. Fish in the tale of 23rd-century space men who take a special sex-change pill so they can visit the all-female planet Clitoris. Some of these gals end up doing a Vegas lounge act on Clitoris, hence the film's title. *Vegas* stars the usual suspects: Fish, Timmy Spence, Miss X (as the planet's police chief) and Tippi (as a "mechanical doll villainess," we're told). Tix should be on sale already at A Different Light.

SNATCH BATCHING: In the Sept. *Arena*, from the U.K., Ruth Picardie has a piece titled, "Here Comes the New Lass."

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Lily Tomlin's *Search for Intelligent Life ...* is coming to Castro.

(Oct. 17), your humble OUT THERE reporter D.M.'s clip show about gay cinema stereotypes.

JOAN CRAWFORD RETURNS? And we'll pop in Oct. 14 for the set-in-SF *Sudden Fear* on the off chance there'll be a reappearance of the Joan Crawford look-alike who, the



k.d. lang plays an "androgynous" woman in Percy Adlon's *Salmonberries*.

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What Are We Waiting For?

by John F. Karr

They spend a lot of time getting ready to go — and they don't go. This much we know. It's the central image of Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*, the theatrical classic that turned the scholarly treatise of existentialism into vaudeville.

This time around, however, everything else is new to us. "They" aren't a pair of bedraggled pantaloons, but two queens of a queer nation. And the mythical savior they await is the Mother of all Queens: Godette.

Though it's a sure bet She won't arrive anymore than Godot ever did, that's about all of Beckett that remains, other than the inspiration of his premise, in Christian Huygen's *Waiting for Godette*, an oddly touching, momentarily inspired, quietly poetic and campily queeny sortie into the deep heart of gay mysteries which premieres at Josie's with six performances in the next two weeks.

Starring Darrell-Lynn Alvarez and Justin "Glam" Bond, and directed by Adele Prandini, this comedy of three parts — pastiche, pathos and propaganda — has been touted as a camp event, "the makeup-smeared one-act Beckett might have written if he'd been obsessed with

it is to high-heel hijinks. Director Prandini, a practical dyke who's a queer theatre veteran of some 20 years, swears she doesn't know the first thing about queens.

"This is not a play about drag queens," she averred in her office at Theatre Rhinoceros, where she created the hit musical *Pulp and Circumstance*, directed *Queen of Swords* and is currently artistic director. "This is a play about men who are struggling to live as who they are. They are redefining the nature of 'man.'"

Redefinition has long been the bent of playwright Huygen, and a queen was an early inspiration. He was 14 when he first saw a drag queen, on a television show.

"I was deeply rebuked," he recalled recently. "I had barely begun to think about my own sexuality and I thought, here's a person who has explored so much more of himself, all the contradictory facets of his psyche, than I have even glimpsed in my own."

While perhaps projecting too much introspection onto this televised queen, Huygen found in her gender fluidity his course of inner exploration through the entertainment fields. Pretty unusual discovery for a 14 year old in Pittsburgh, Pa., but typical for Huygen, whose Christian name came from the 17th-century Dutch astrophysicist who discovered the rings of Saturn.

Huygen made a smaller discovery, though no less important for himself, while writing *Waiting for Godette*. The play began life when two friends needed a performance vehicle for the First Miss Uranus Pageant. Their drag names, Didi and Coco, put Huygen in mind of Beckett's Didi and Gogo, and *Waiting for Godette* was born — though not then performed.

Encouraged by dramaturg Noreen Barnes and then director Prandini, Huygen added to his five-minute skit. First in were his favorite portions of *The Maids*, *Mommy Dearest*, *The Graduate* and Joyce's *Ulysses*.

"Shoplifting is a thrill," he said, "and it was fun. But now all that's out. My piece demanded to be itself — I had to take responsibility for saying what I wanted to say."

Which was?

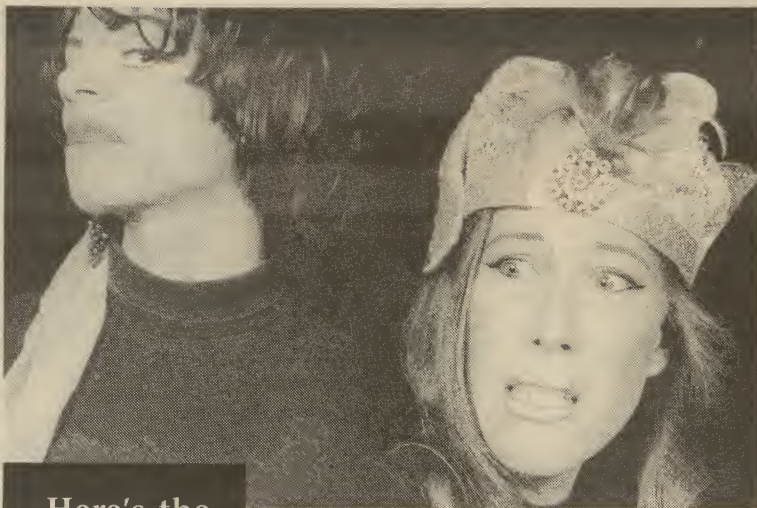
"I honestly feel like my play is the answer to that question."

Huh?

"*Waiting for Godette* is a complex network of questions. I'm trying to open up new territory. I think gender is much more complex than we allow it to be. I feel like we're standing on the frontier of a new territory of gender and gender representation we're only starting to explore and imagine — and not just a few people. Our whole culture is doing that, and by 'our,' I mean gays leading the rest, as they always do.

Playing With the Serious

"One of the really important things about gay men and lesbians is that in our



Here's the show that asks, "Have you ever been betrayed by the clothes you wear?"

Darrell-Lynn Alvarez, left, and Justin Bond in *Waiting for Godette*.

(Photo: Jill Posener)

maleness differently," she said. "It's so radical and brave of him to have a male character want to give birth. But why shouldn't we talk about how men create life, as opposed to how men suppress and prevent and destroy life. It's so important for Christian to be renaming the forces."

So here's the show that asks, "Have you ever been betrayed by the clothes you wear?" And also examines, in two aria-like monologues that are its heart, whether we should give in to death or knuckle under and find how to give life, to create, in the midst of these havoc-wrought, existential times. That's why they call it "A pastiche with pathos and propaganda."

"I have big dreams of rev-

olutionizing queer self-representation," Huygen enthused. "Oh, where's my soapbox? I want to explore the complex range of possibilities that lie beyond self-affirmation, that should come after coming out."

This *Waiting for Godette*, this brief hour of curious charm, lavender wistfulness and, yes, smeared makeup and the urgency of couture, is activist theatre, too, a poetic polemic. It wants to know: What are we waiting for?

Editor's note: Waiting for Godette opens at Josie's on Sept. 10, playing Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Fridays at 10 p.m. through the end of the month. For reservations, phone 861-7933. ▼



Christian Huygen

glamour and nail polish."

But that's not quite it. Though at least one of its actors is bound to be wearing a dress and a nail polish crisis is a high point of its action, *Waiting for Godette* should be neither awaited nor attended as a drag epic.

For one thing, Alvarez, of the word-pop trio Absolut Manpussy, and Bond, performer/columnist and savvy seer on gender bender glam, are Men. Well, sure, both are unusually aware of the transiency of gender, and are working it, girl. Justin recently stitched a sampler for his wall that reads, "A Woman Is a Sometime Thing." But you couldn't call either one a drag queen.

Not About Drag Queens

And the play itself, it's more a home for the resonance of word and idea than

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Gay/Les/Bi Performers Featured in 'Solo Mio'

Another Chance

by Deborah Peifer

The biggest problem with the "Solo Mio" festival is that it undercuts all those dire warnings we critics have been giving you all season. "Live theatre is immediate and ephemeral. See this performance now," we warn. "You won't have another chance."

Wrong. At least in some cases.

"Solo Mio," which began yesterday and runs through Oct. 13 at various venues, is your chance to see those extraordinary solo performances that you didn't have time to experience last season. And if you were smart enough to heed our warnings, "Solo Mio" is a chance to repeat the pleasure of seeing superb performances at the height of their talents.

In addition to the repeats, however, "Solo Mio" offers new works as well.

A number of lesbian, gay and bisexual performers are among the highlights of this year's festival. In her new show, Grace Walcott (who wrote and performed last summer's *Grace Under Pressure*) asks the important question, what does a daughter do when her mother thinks of her as the parent she never had? Walcott brings a feminist sensibility as well as a satirical tone to this question of mothering and daughtering. Her performance is at Climate Theatre Sept. 11-15.

Sara Felder, juggler, lesbian, story-teller, returns with her new, and revised, *Beyond Brooklyn*, a stirring saga of bi-coastality, with juggling and laughs galore, as well as an astonishing poignancy — not an easy feat to accomplish while juggling a bowling ball, but Felder's extraordinary skill as a story-teller enables her to meet the challenge of combining pathos and pratfall with phenomenal dexterity. She performs at Climate Sept. 12-15.

'Tricks' Reprised

During the festival's third week, Marga Gomez reprises *Memory Tricks*, her autobiographical piece about growing up in a theatrical family and facing, in her adulthood, her mother's Alzheimer's diagnosis. One might think a funny Alzheimer's play would necessarily be at best a contradiction in terms, and at worst, in appallingly bad taste, but

Memory Tricks, thanks to Gomez's consummate skill as writer and performer, is both painfully funny and brilliantly touching. Gomez's show is at Life on the Water, Fort Mason, Building B, Sept. 18 and Sept. 20-22.

Reno, a performance artist who has been compared to Lenny Bruce and Lily Tomlin (and to Betty Hutton on speed, a nightmarish thought), brings her new work in progress, *Out There Without a Prayer*, to the festival. Reno is a political satirist, with a wry (and wonderfully warped) worldview. "What if there were Post-it notes in the Third World with 'remember to eat today' scrawled over them?" Reno comes to Life on the Water Sept. 27-Oct. 2.

The last hour in the life of Spanish playwright Federico Lorca is the subject of Luis Oropeza's solo piece, *The Assassination of Federico Garcia Lorca*. Given the current political climate in our "home of the free" it seems painfully appropriate to consider Lorca, given that the political assassination of artists, writers and intellectuals is probably next on the right wing's agenda — just as soon as they pass solid compulsory pregnancy legislation.

Oropeza, who performs at Climate Sept. 26-29, sees his work as a "homage to Lorca and to all artists who meet the censure of their peers, society and government with the courage to create."

Commentary on Dating

Lawrence Hyman's *Max, Rapunzel and the Night* is a brilliant commentary on dating (and the desperation the "d" word necessarily includes), parenting, political activism, fairy tales and bad hair. It is also an exquisitely structured piece, performed with elan (and great hair) by Hyman. Hyman plays multiple characters, including Max, Rapunzel, psycho mom, various ACT UPies and, in a wonderful stylistic choice, himself as a character in the piece.

The piece is courageous, angry, polemical, entertaining — and if you think those adjectives are contradictory, well, we'll save a lot of time if you just trust me. Hyman will be at Climate Oct. 3-6.

David Cale's *Deep in a Dream of You* is a collection of monologues, linked thematically to the idea of sensual



"Solo Mio" performers, clockwise, from top left, Luis Oropeza, Grace Walcott, Marga Gomez, Reno, Lawrence Hyman and (center) Sara Felder.

ically to the idea of sensual obsession. Using various characters, Cale explores the nature of obsession, wandering through the imaginations of men and women haunted by memories, events, moments. The monologues include "Fire," in which a young man comes home from school to find his mother sitting in a chair in flames, and "The Sweater Made of Eyelashes," a story about a woman who

knits a sweater out of her lover's eyelashes and begins to exhale feathers. Cale's show is at Life on the Water Oct. 9-12.

Solo performance continues to be at the forefront of exciting theatre in the Bay Area, and "Solo Mio," which also includes such talents as Spalding Gray, Josh Kornbluth, Rhodessa Jones and Dennis Dun, provides an opportunity to revel in some of

the best work of this or any season. And this time I really mean it: Live theatre is immediate and ephemeral. See these performance now; you won't have another chance.

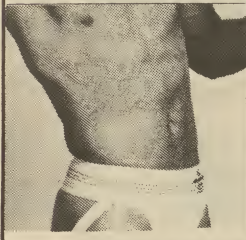
Editor's note: For information about "Solo Mio," phone 885-0401. To reserve tickets, phone STBS (433-7827), Life on the Water (776-8999) or Climate Theatre (626-9196). ▼

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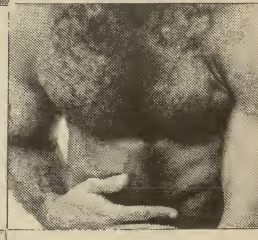
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Cuttler's own experience a few years ago of coping with the news of her father's cancer while she was trying to deal with a relationship. I spoke with the playwright and director Steve Patterson before a rehearsal, and they shared their perceptions of the work and what they hope the work will convey to audiences.

The "external factors" of her own story and that of her protagonist are similar, Cuttler says.

"My father had cancer for four years, and I had been in the process of breaking up for six years."

Home Visit was first written while Lauren was at San Francisco State University, then later developed in the Playwrights' Workshop at Theatre Rhinoceros. For its premiere on the main stage at Theatre Rhinoceros, she has done some fine-tuning, including the addition of two monologues. The rehearsal process has revealed what alterations were necessary, what was more effectively conveyed through movement rather than words and what additional information was needed to better understand Cuttler's characters.

In *Home Visit*, the lesbianism of the daughter, Judith (played by Alison Wahl), is a "given" in the play — it is a pre-existing condition, so to speak, with which the young woman's parents, Bernie

(Karl Turne) and Ethel (Luba Blumberg), are comfortable. Because the dramatic conflict in the work does not lie in the need for the daughter to come out to her parents, Cuttler explores other, more universal themes about families, parent-child relationships, facing death and letting go.

'Our Lives Entire'

Director Steve Patterson says that plays such as *Home Visit* explore "our lives entire" as gays and lesbians, "rather than one small segment of it." He observes that many gay plays have been about the gay man or lesbian being rejected by their biological family after coming out to them and the subsequent "creation of other family" with our gay and lesbian friends and lovers.

While that is part of the experience of a number of lesbians and gay men, so too is the positive experience of finding support and love within the structure of the biological family.

Both director and playwright emphasize their own good relationships with their parents, a reality that their collaboration is attempting to convey.

Patterson recalled his father's "fear that I would disappear when I came out." Cuttler remembers her own father's first concern about his daughter as being an economic one. Since it was unthinkable that a woman could financially support another woman (in the heterosexual model of husband and wife), he wanted to be sure that she could take care of herself and



Alison Wahl, center, with Karl Turne and Luba Blumberg in a scene from *Home Visit*.

(Photo: Jane Cleland)

find a job.

Her mother has been "open-minded" about the play, Cuttler says, and was very supportive after attending a rehearsal.

Selective Memory

The play also deals with how families confront and cope with unpleasant events, bad news and troubled relationships. In most instances, people tend to have a kind of selective memory about negative parts of their lives, but the way in which the "not nice" is acknowledged is a central issue in *Home Visit*.

Patterson spoke of the "sit-com model," and "Ethel's fairy-tale world, the dream of family that she wants for her

child." However, there has to be the realization that "the world is not *Father Knows Best*."

"Familial warmth and strength," Patterson says, "sustains the characters through their problems. These people are there for each other, giving each other vital support."

They also "learn to cope when you have to say goodbye," and deal with the question of what to do "when the support system is gone."

Cuttler sees it also being about the daughter learning how to "reconcile" what is going on in her own life, as she tries to sort out "what makes relationships work or not work, and figures out how things get that way."

Although it has a serious

subject, much of the content of *Home Visit* is comic, and Patterson points out that its humor derives naturally from the observation and common experience of "family dynamics." A sense of humor is also a universal "way of coping," a survival mechanism to counter pain. Cuttler and Patterson anticipate that audiences will recognize their own families in these characters gathered around the kitchen table of a New York suburban Jewish household, and may bring away with them a little more insight into their own "family dynamics."

Editor's note: *Home Visit* opens Sept. 7 at Theatre Rhinoceros, with previews Sept. 5-6. Phone 861-5079 for information. ▼

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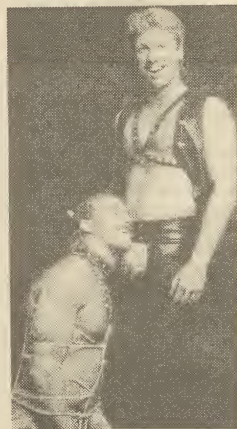
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'Dreams' Redux

by Noreen C. Barnes

Henry Mach's *Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid* is currently in a second, revamped, recast and revitalized run at Josie's through Sept. 29. Originally staged last year at Theatre Rhinoceros (directed by John Karr and F. Allen Sawyer), the *Dirty Dreams* cast now consists of four, rather than five men, songs have been redistributed or eliminated and several numbers have been added. The cabaret setting is perfect for this piece, a remarkable collaboration of Mach's fine writing and Paul Katz's hummable-all-the-way home music.

In its new production, this time under Mach's direction, it is less a light-hearted musical revue, and more of a look at the darker side of gay life, particularly with original cast member Ron Johnson's portrayal of a homeless man. This character, absent from the premiere production, brings up the issues of economics and the reality of the gay people living on the streets, and gives a bitter-sweet balance to the other three representatives of the gay community who are "waiting for the lab report" — Joseph Taro's engaging, campy Latino, who provides most of the humor of the performance, but also pushes the race and class buttons; the downtown-by-day, leather-daddy-at-night Todd Menard; and Buddy Montgomery's embodiment of what once was the majority of gay men in San Francisco, the muscled and mustachioed exile from



Todd Menard, top, and Budd Montgomery in *Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid*.

somewhere back East.

This streamlined production, executed with considerable economy on Josie's tiny black-curtained stage (less is more), is even more moving than its original version. Perhaps it is knowing that cast member Montgomery is "proud to be a PWA (Performer with AIDS)," perhaps it is the tremendous connection the actors had with the overflowing audience the night I saw it or perhaps it is the realization that virtually nothing has been accomplished in the fight against AIDS since *Dirty Dreams* premiered well over a year ago. It's simply a must-see. ▼

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Wedding Bells and Rebirths

by Justin Bond

PATSY CLINE AND THE MEMPHIS 'G' SPOTS appeared at DNA Friday night and the show was fabulous! Patsy looks better dead than she did when she was alive. All those horrible SCARS from her automobile accident are gone and so are about 50 extra pounds.

Not to mention the fact that she is much more tastefully dressed (I detect the influence of a QUEEN). She's got such a grand sense of humor about it all, too. As she put it so well on *Electric City*, the other week, "Now that I'm dead I can really live 'cause I don't have to worry about dyin' no more."

She's so PROFOUND. If you missed Patsy this time, fret not because she'll be at DNA again Sept. 29 with Connie Champagne, ABSOLUT MANPUSSY and Cliff Hengst in a benefit for Art Against AIDS and the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Sunday night URANUS gave everyone a chance to get together one last time before the summer of 1991 begins its graceful fade into oblivion. All the hippest CATS AND KITTENS came together to show off their latest tattoos, piercings and other FASHION ACCESSORIES.

FLYNN once again blew my mind with what can only be described as the most enchanting body manipulation I have ever seen. The DEEELITEful one has gone and

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gotten herself a tattoo of the cartoon of SAMANTHA STEVENS from the beginning of *Bewitched*. And honey, they got her eyeliner just right!

I've always heard it said that tattooing was a spiritual thing for some, though until now I never understood. But let's face it, Elizabeth Montgomery is a GODDESS. To have her enshrined on one's leg in living color? As SERENA would say, "Oh Sammi, you're a gas!"

As Miss Uranus I must say



Patsy Cline and The Memphis "G" Spots.

that I'm not showing favoritism but, for me, Club U is one of the greatest of all time. It's the crowd that makes it. This past week it seemed that everyone was there. Performance artist DEAD MARILYN, porn czar BILL HUNTER flew up from LA, VERONICA DANE was tressed ever so lovelly in what could only be described as a Louis VI hairstyle. CRYSTAL/ERIC was sporting a gleaming new PRINCE ALBERT which had several of my girlfriends abuzz with admiration.

Vicious Rumors

Not that I believe in spreading vicious rumors, word has it that RICHIE RICH wasn't at the party because he's suffering from PEROXIDE poisoning! Merciful heavens, dear girl, go natural before it's too late!

Being a nature queen myself I generally bypass the bathroom lines and go outside to shake the dew off my lily. But for some reason this week I stayed inside and witnessed a full-on QUEEN FIGHT. I'm sure you've seen

that gorgeous Johnny Major of the Detour. WELL, he had four queens slapping the sap out of each other just for the privilege of aiming his beautiful — how can I say this delicately — archetype while he peed (I won). Not that I was so gung-ho to touch his DICK, mind you, I just felt like slapping the hell out of those other three BITCHES!

HOLY SMOKE, land sakes alive, I never thought this would happen to me, uh-huh-huh. Do you hear wedding bells? I'm so pleased and proud to announce that I have consented to become MRS. ELVIS HERSELVIS. Yes! Elvis finally popped the question on bended knee. It was so beautiful. We're going to be so happy! It's going to be a marriage made in VEGAS.

You may wonder why a fag and a dyke would want to marry each other, but all I can tell you is that it's the woman in her I love, but it's the MAN in him that really TURNS ME ON. On our wedding night that hunka-hunka burnin' love will really shake rattle and roll and I'll be shakin' like a leaf on a tree. We haven't set the date yet, but when we do I want each and every one of you to come and share our joy.

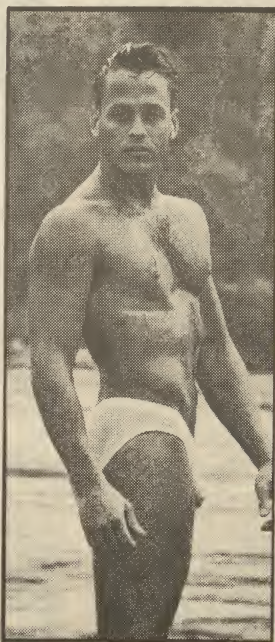
Goodbye for now from the future Mrs. Glamoretta Rampage-Herselvis. I have to go as I'm due for a sitting for my engagement portrait, executed on BLACK VELVET.

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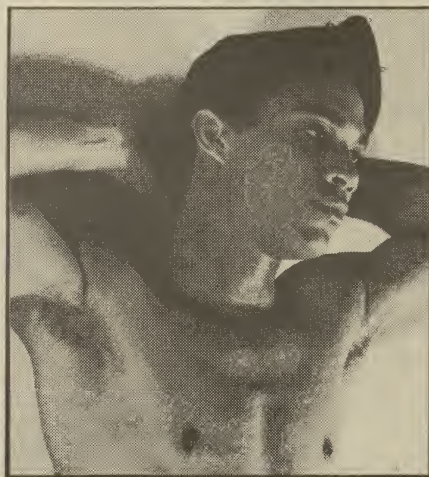
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by Noreen C. Barnes

The term "feminist theory" makes me a little anxious. Or, for that matter, lesbian-feminist theory. When I think about it, I envisage a small group of strident, oh-so politically correct women with tenure speaking in a room of a hundred women, but actually able to communicate only amongst themselves (maybe six or so of them).

The rest of us are left in the dust, in the dark, feeling rather stupid, even though a few of us may also have "terminal degrees" (and they don't call them "terminal" without good reason—it's just a question of whether it finishes you before you finish it).

I have been in the room with these other women. I have seen the super-theorists talk over our heads (metaphorically and otherwise) in academic double-speak, ironically founded on theories developed, for the most part, by straight white men. And I have been trying to find ways, initially in my own college teaching and now in my writing, to make the connections, to render what they speak of accessible and understandable to others, to function as a kind of interpreter of what is important—but by its very construction, exclu-

sionary—work in the field.

Feminism's Catch-22

And that is the catch of lesbian feminism. The language employed by many scholars and theorists by its very nature prevents many who may need to know of their work from comprehending it. This does not mean resorting to a high-school level of vocabulary for comprehension by the "average" lesbian reader. We can all use a little intellectual rigor now and again. Some writers know this and are adept at brief explanations of terminology and theory at the beginning of their essays, giving the reader a good handle on the material before launching into analysis.

There are two important collections of essays critical to this study, and although many of the writings are in the circular self-sabotaging academic double-speak mode, many are quite lucid, well-constructed, thoughtful exercises of both the writer's and the reader's intelligence.

Feminist literary and performance theories constitute the central overlap of *Performing Feminisms* and *Lesbian Texts and Contexts*, which diverge in both their overall scope and the accessibility of their contents.

Most of the contributions



Virginia Woolf

to *Performing Feminisms* were articles first published in *Theatre Journal* from 1984 to 1989 and, according to the editor, "represent the initial phase of the impact of feminist critical theory on the field of theatre."

The articles largely reflect the academic position from which the authors write and are full of intertextual allusions, references and ubiquitous acknowledgments of each other's work. The book serves primarily as an effort to bring feminist theory from its "marginal position in both theatre and English departments" to center stage, in a range of articles both theoretical and historical.

Central Issue

Central to most of the pieces is the "theoretical issue of the codes and meanings of the female body on stage—as a performance site and as a social determinant." Most of the authors employ postmodern, poststructuralist and deconstructive theories in interdisciplinary approaches, with a large debt to the feminist film theory of Teresa de Lauretis (her "Sexual Indifference and Lesbian Representation"

is included) and Laura Mulvey, as well as heavy doses of Freud, Lacan and others. Also tackled is the task of considering a number of "differences"—political, social and sexual—which is another part of the project of feminist theory.

Jill Dolan, in "Lesbian Subjectivity in Realism: Dragging at the Margins of Structure and Ideology," writes of the work of Split Britches and others who perform at New York's WOW Cafe that their "postmodernist, camp, collectivist performances" created a "space of debate on the radical implication of lesbian desire's disruption of conventional paradigms of spectatorship."

If lesbian desire is central to the performance, and the performance assumes that lesbians are spectators rather than the traditional positioning of the heterosexual male in that role, then all the conventions of performance are disrupted. I might also argue that not only lesbian, but other forms of performance which might be called "queer" also disrupt traditional theatrical conventions in form, content and the relationship of the spectator to performance.

Historically, realistic theatre has been a mode in which transgressive women—lesbians in particular—simply cannot survive (quite literally—as Sue-Ellen Case observed in her influential essay, "Toward a Butch-Femme Aesthetic"). Dolan cites *The Children's Hour*, *The Killing of Sister George* and *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove* as examples of such works.

Barbara Freedman, in "Frame Up: Feminism, Psychoanalysis, Theatre," perhaps the most intriguing essay of the collection, asks, "Is a feminist theatre possible, or possibly a contradiction in terms?"

She discusses feminist theory and cinema, Lacan and postmodernism in the context of the Western theatre's bipolar system of comedy and tragedy, specifically in terms of the complementary scenarios of sexuality and gender in *Oedipus* and *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Other essays cover the work of playwrights such as Simone Benmussa, Caryl Churchill and Lorraine Hansberry; class and sexuality in African-American, Chicano, Jewish and Japanese cultures in both current and historical terms; theory and performance of Shakespearean and Jacobean women's roles; and women performance artists.

Performing Feminisms has an academic bent, but should provide something of value to women in theatre and performance who are interested in the theories that may be related to their own practice, as well as the critical and historical background that also informs our work.

More Accessible

Lesbian Texts and Contexts has a broader range of topics and styles of writing, and is much more accessible to the general reader than *Performing Feminisms*. Its subjects include writers writing about their work, analyses of the lesbian "codes" of Emily Dickinson (Paula Bennett notes her "clitoral poetry"), Willa Cather, Virginia Woolf and George Eliot, SDiane A. Bogus' survey of the black



Willa Cather

lesbian "Queen B" figure, the Laguna Pueblo "model" of Paula Gunn Allen, the lesbian pulp novels of the 1950s and lesbians in plays.

The lesbian/feminist is given center stage in these essays in literary history and theory, which begins with Valerie Miner's account of her own work and thoughts on recent—and rather frightening—trends in literary theory and criticism: "I have been disturbed by the growth of 'post-feminist discourse'—not only because I disagree with much of it, but because just as the women's movement gave me and others permission to write, this line of criticism silences us by denying our continuing existence."

Lee Lynch's "Cruising the Libraries" is one of the best pieces (even though for some reason she thinks that Louisa May Alcott was married!)—a straightforward account of a lifelong search for positive models of lesbians to confirm and affirm her own identity: "Throughout childhood and adolescence, I searched and searched for images of myself in literature, on television, in movies. I identified not with Scarlett, but with Rhett. ...



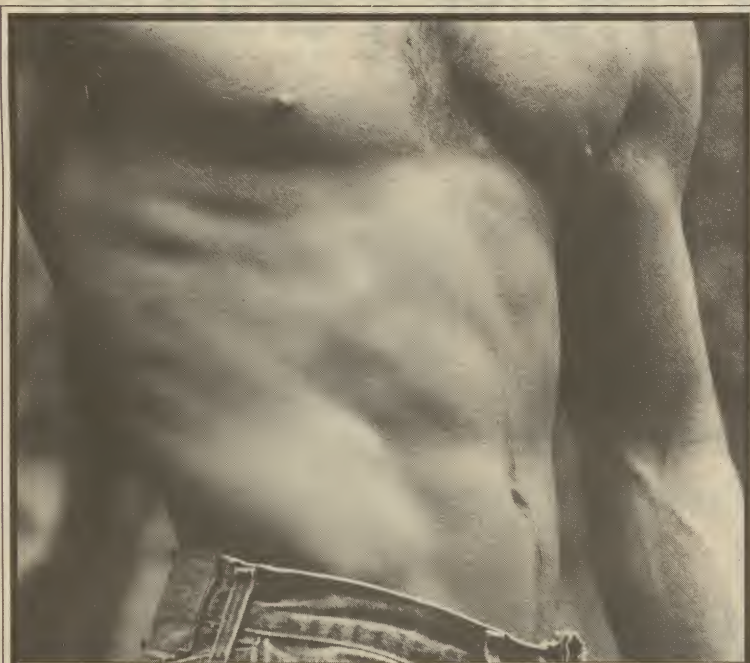
Paula Gunn Allen

Jean-Paul Sartre described exactly my feelings of discomfort in the world. I despaired and grew cynical. ... I continued the activity I came to call 'cruising the libraries.' Identifying variant books was as subtle, frustrating and exciting a process as spotting lesbians on the street. ... I had to find reflections of myself to be assured that I was a valuable human being and not alone in the world."

Terminology of Desire

In contrast is Alice Parker's essay on the work of the prolific and influential radical feminist theorist, Nicole Brossard. To write about Brossard, Parker, of necessity, incorporates Brossard's terminology of lesbian desire in light of poststructuralist/postmodern theory in her own work and actually clarifies what could be a daunting ex-

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'Worried' Teen Turns Into Community Leader

by Mark Freeman

My suntan has already faded, but I still feel the warmth of being at an event like the International Lesbian and Gay Conference held this summer in Acapulco, Mexico is the country that has taught me (since I began visiting it 30 years ago) much of what I needed to know about the value of community, of caring for the young and the old.

The gay community has been a second place to learn and to use those lessons. But this was the first time I had been in Mexico as an openly gay person, among 150 others from every continent.

One of the most memorable of those activists, and one of the conference's chairs, was Robert Lardner of Malmo, Sweden. Overlooking Acapulco Bay, he kindly shared some of his story.

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"I spent a week touring small towns in central Mexico on my way to the conference, and people in each one of them — Patzcuaro, San Miguel, Guanajuato — burst out giggling and pointing when they saw me," Robert Lardner recounted with an amused but tired smile.

Was it the mohawk or being a black man?

"Both, I think. I myself didn't see another black foreigner until I got to Acapulco."

Easy to see that Robert is not your average Swede. He was, in fact, born in Nigeria but moved around Africa with his Sierra Leonean mother (her grandfather, a freed slave who returned there from Jamaica) and his dad, who worked for the United Nations.

"At one point my father had a mistress in Ethiopia so he preferred to have his family one country over, in Kenya. I was in school there from age 10 to 21."

He still speaks with a BBC British accent.

Worried Teen

What kind of a 13-year-old was he?

"A worried one. I was having some problems fitting in, what with my parents' situation, being foreigners all the time, always having quite a different mentality from the local one. I was trying to fit in

with the school. The first one was a black school, mostly, but I did not fit in there."

Tears got held back in his eyes.

He continues, "Some kids may have been jealous of me. It's just that we were different, not that we were rich. My father was running two households and we had a tough time making ends meet."

Was he the man in the house?

"Definitely not, because nobody wanted a little replica of my father. I had four sisters, all older, plus my mother, all keeping close tabs on me. My friends saw me as part of a mostly white expatriate community, I dare say. But I wasn't, really."

"Then I got sent to a Catholic school, which was one third to one half white or Indian. And there I fell in love with several of my best friends (not all at the same time). One of them was from Pakistan, one from India, one from the Seychelles. And I tried to explain to each of them, 'I just want you to know that I don't just like you, I love you. I don't expect sex from you or anything, just that you are special.' But each took it badly."

All Gays Are 'Foreign'

At the school there were often homosexual allusions to certain people "touching up someone in the showers, but those were the boarders, who were all white guys. They would tease each other that they were puffs or pansies or woofers. But it was never mentioned among the Africans. Later, I heard about some Africans who you might meet at certain bars, and that at the coast you could meet foreigners, or African men who have sex with foreigners. All 'gay communities' were foreign — this was 1974 to 1979."

"After I told those three, it became a school scandal, like lighting a powder keg. Before I knew it, I didn't have friends — or only a very few who stuck with me. People would say, 'Oh hello Robert, I've got to rush.' Or they would tell others even though I asked them not to. It was terrible. I didn't want my mother to find out, or the priest in the school. I was head prefect, with responsibility for discipline among the students. It was a tough time. I had a mental breakdown

Glasgow and Karla Jay assert that "unless we see with fresh eyes, unless we find our own language and inscribe our own experience, we will be again silenced or erased. We cannot survive without our words."

If we are to be truly feminist, we must understand each other's language or develop ways in which we might have better access to each other's work, without the exclusionary elitism that puts a handful of those with gold medals in verbal gymnastics in control. Otherwise, the concept of lesbian feminism will remain just that — an idea yet to be realized. ▼



Robert Lardner snaps a shot of Acapulco Bay during the recent International Lesbian and Gay Conference. (Photo: Ken White)

and all, in my high school years.

"I made plans to leave as soon as those six years ended," he recalled. "But just before I left I went to the coast with one of the three and his girlfriend. And I was at the pool and I saw this guy, a German tourist, and he looked at me and I looked at him and I wondered, 'Could it be?' and he motioned me to follow him to the changing room. I didn't even know what to do, but he did. Compared to my later sexual experiences, I wouldn't call it a success, but at the time it was worth a million dollars. First I thought I was bisexual, then I thought, 'Oh God, I'm gay.'"

But the worst was over. Robert left, to London, where he was surprised by a call from one of the ex-enamored who wanted to apologize for what they had done to him in Kenya.

"He had met the gay move-

ment at his college campus and started talking to them and finding out what it was all about. I told him I accepted his apology, but that I'd gone through so much hell with what he did that I couldn't see we had much in common now."

Combined Interests

The last 10 years were spent "learning about myself." He did modern dance with a group in London, then got offered a position with a ballet company in Sweden, where he danced for seven years — before injuring himself. So Robert combined those skills with an interest in the biological sciences, and graduated this year in physiotherapy. He works in day care centers with adults and on a geriatric ward and is "happy, but ready to move again."

A three-year relationship

with one guy ended two years ago, "but he's still my best friend." Robert was elected to the chairing group at the ILGA Conference and handled an ACT UP! interruption of one plenary session with great grace, and support for the angry activists. He also sits on the National Board of the Swedish Organization for Gay and Lesbian Rights, volunteers time on a switchboard, fundraises and visits high schools to give info on homosexuality and AIDS.

This is a built and brainy, confident and capable black man and community leader.

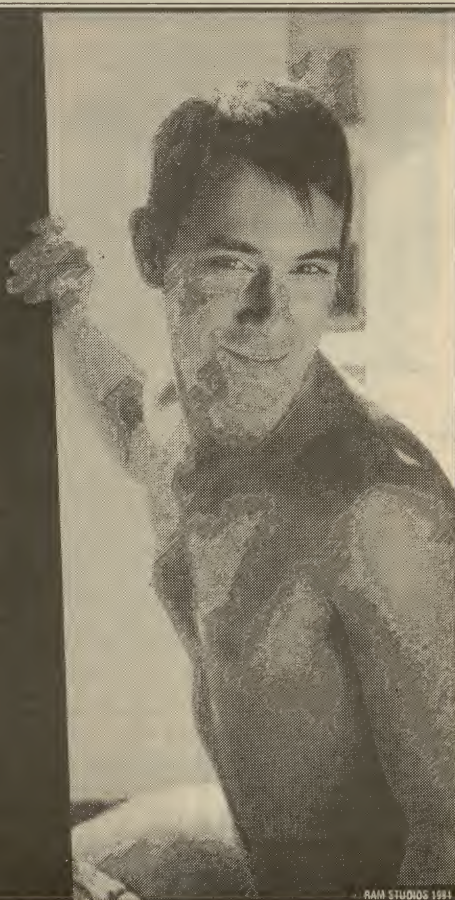
"Kids at the high schools in Sweden don't see the person the Kenyan kids saw. The culture shift is so big. Ten or so years ago I went to see witch doctors, now if I have a problem I go to see an expert specialist." Plus, now, he is one. ▼

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ercise: "For Brossard the ferocious power of patriarchal ideologies can be dismantled only from within discourse. To reconceptualize gender, power and sexuality requires fundamental changes in the language or symbolic system. ... Brossard makes no excuses for the difficulty of her texts: all revolutions require intense discipline, intelligence and vision."

In their introduction to this anthology, editors Joanne

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thought, "So do I"), one always thought it must be a platonically affirmative or maybe even an ode to the ubiquitous she-males. I mean, Sparks were from LA! Made new wave disco music. (We know who liked that stuff, don't we!)

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Ron and Russel Mael of Sparks.

grooves that universal truth is color blind.

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Banderas Ripe
(London)

Last year in London I caught the final show of the Jimmy Sommerville ACT UP tour at the ultra-gay disco Heaven. Ten thousand queer skinheads in basic black: Doc Martens, cock rings in their noses, Spandex cutoffs and me.

Whew! When Jimmy took the stage, flanking him on either side were two skinhead goddesses just a tad shorter

than him, who in the course of the set worked up such a frothy, sweaty sex lather that they lubricated the boys, drove all the Sinead O'Connor look-alikes crazy with desire, and made Jimmy seem at least six-feet tall and hung like Atlas.

Jimmy introduced them as Sally and Caroline from the Banderas.

Later they told me they were in the studio with Madonna-knobtwister Stephen Hague, promising to be in touch when they were finished.

Ripe is the result. Soft-core disco beats with a modern whirl of luscious vocal harmonies. Sally and Caroline mesh contemporary feminine attitudes with a most subtle dance-floor agenda.

I can hardly wait to see them live.

Chainsaw Kittens Violent Religion
(Mammoth)

For those of you who like your music hard, fast and furious, and prefer Jayne County to Kate Bush, your mutant dreams have come true.

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MUSIC AND VIDEO REVIEWS

by David Taylor-Wilson

Jennifer Holliday
I'm on Your Side
(Arista)

The power and majesty of Jennifer Holliday's vocals became well known in 1981 when she won a Tony Award and two Grammy Awards for her electrifying performance in *Dreamgirls*. In her debut release for Arista, Holliday's vocals are somewhat tempered, yet still glorious. None of these songs find her tearing the roof off, but compared to just about any other current release she's still way ahead of the pack.

The current title track single is a moving paean to the joys of love that comes to life with her stirring vocals. Holliday is at her best when she's hurting: on "A Dream With Your Name on It," "It Will Haunt Me," and "I Fall Apart," her vocals come alive and drive home the pain.

Vanessa Williams
The Comfort Zone
(Mercury)

There she is, Miss America ... with her long-awaited, sophomore album for Mercury Records. Three years after she debuted with *The Right Stuff*, which captured multiple Grammy nominations and a string of hits, Ms. Williams is back with an even maturer voice. This en-



Vanessa Williams

tire album is vibrant, with passionate ballads like the luscious "Just for Tonight," a song that succeeds in paying a stylistic tribute to the Philly soul of Thom Bell and the late Linda Creed.

Williams slinks her way through a jazz juke joint on "What Will I Tell My Heart," a track from the late 1930s that rose to popularity in a 1956 Dinah Washington version. Williams tackles a bit of '70s soul history by updating the Isley Brothers classic, "Work to Do." The premiere single, "Running Back to You," steeped in funk rhythms and with finishing touches supplied by the C&C Music Factory team, is already vaulting its way up the charts. The single to watch, though, is "Freedom Dance (Get Free!)," a song thick with house rhythms and carefree, celebratory lyrics.

Peabo Bryson
Can You Stop the Rain?
(Columbia)

Finally, Peabo Bryson has found the right home for his enormous talent. After label-hopping from Capitol Records to Elektra Records and back to Capitol, he has settled into a fine nest at Columbia Records. The result of his latest address change is his finest project to date. The title track single enjoyed immediate crossover success and is still one of the most played singles on the radio today. Waiting in the wings is a beautiful duet with labelmate Regina Belle, "I Can't Imagine." A dreamy ballad of confirming love with a sax solo by the venerable Kirk Whalum. Michael Bolton's former hit, "Soul Provider," is imbued here with the easy-going, sophisticated style that Bryson is known for. This is the type of album that makes everyone wish they were in love.

The Rear View

Ten years ago this week, the Pointer Sisters had the No. 1 Pop Single with "Slow Hand." Meanwhile, France Joli had the No. 1 Disco Single with "Gonna Get Over You."

'Tis the Season

by George Heymont

It's opening night. What are you wearing to the opera?"

An old question. Often met with the same old answer. But this year, at least in San Francisco, things are different. Very different.

Those who have been monitoring the artistic and administrative changes taking place at the San Francisco Opera since Lotfi Mansouri became general director are aware that the company has been getting a corporate facelift in an attempt to drag it — kicking and screaming — into the 20th century.

The Houston Grand Opera was the first major American opera company to realign its marketing efforts toward multiple audiences (those who are solid opera aficionados, those who only like Mozart, those who like Broadway musicals, those who are Baroque fiends, those who support new music, etc.). That company's willingness to diversify its marketing and fundraising efforts to match the diversity of its audience paid off in spades several years ago when Texas suffered a recession due to the drop in oil prices.

With California now caught in the grip of a recession, the San Francisco Opera has finally acknowledged that its efforts can no longer be directed solely toward the Pacific Heights crowd. Although the San Francisco Opera's core of supporters remains conservative, elderly and very

wealthy, the recent mass marketing of opera via videotapes and broadcast television — not to mention the influence of the CD revolution — has opened up an entirely new audience.

Under Mansouri's aggressively populist leadership, the San Francisco Opera has become much more accommodating to any and all media, and corporate communications have become more sophisticated. Fundraising efforts are now headed in the direction of creating a San Francisco Opera "family."

In a cost-cutting measure, Mansouri has trimmed the 1991 fall season from 10 to 9 mainstage productions so that more rehearsal time can be allotted to each production. Casting is much stronger and more evenly balanced. This could be a welcome sign that more money is being directed toward improving the basic product which goes onstage.

Special events, such as this weekend's "Opera Walk," are not just fundraising affairs; they are intended to show San Franciscans that opera is for everyone. Later this month, a special performance of *La Traviata* will be interpreted in sign language for the hearing impaired by Stefan Lazar (a familiar face from gay community concerts). And with a new development director on board, there is a strong possibility that the San Francisco Opera will finally get a gay chapter of its guild up and running.

Tight Money

What has prompted so much change? Times are hard and money is tight. A wide variety of financial, artistic and political pressures are at play within the War Memorial Opera House.

These days, the buzz words in arts circles are "multicultural" and "diversification." In order to survive, the leadership of the San Francisco Opera understands that it needs to take a more vital role in this city's cultural life.

Unfortunately, opera is the most labor intensive of all art forms. In recent years, the San Francisco Opera has come under fire for some pretty sloppy performances with substandard casts. Can it stand and deliver? The next few weeks will tell.

Whatever happens, one thing is clear: From now on it's Lotfi Mansouri's show all the way. No more holdovers from Terry McEwen's reper-

toire. No more artists' contracts that need to be honored. No more major administrators pulling in the opposite direction.

From the standpoint of the press and the audience, that means no more excuses. No more looking the other way. No more "waiting" until everything is in place. During the past year, the local press has been ferociously bloodthirsty (almost taking an "I dare you to show me you can produce opera" approach) with regard to Mansouri's administration. However, this season hardly lacks for novelty. If anything, it promises more than most (nearly half the repertoire being performed is new to the San Francisco Opera).

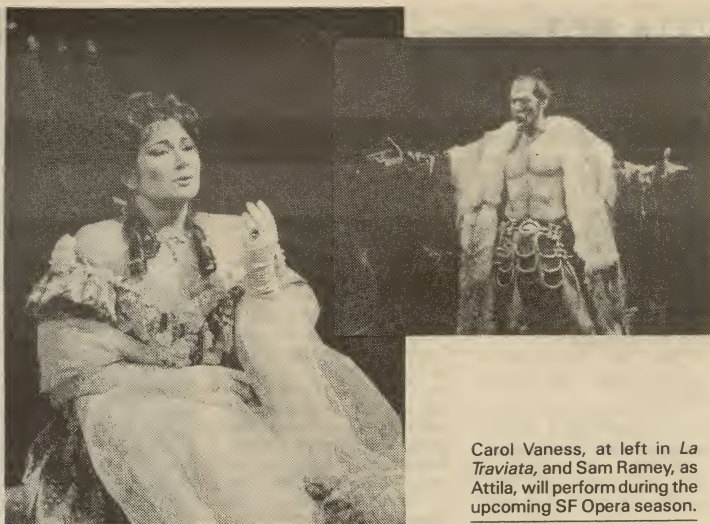
Season's Blockbuster

The blockbuster of the season will obviously be Prokofiev's *War and Peace*,

(which features Merola graduates Barry McCauley and Ann Panagoulas in pivotal roles). Of equal interest will be the American premiere of Hans Werner Henze's *Das Verbotene Meer*, starring Ashley Putnam and directed by the controversial Christopher Alden. Bellini's treatment of the *Romeo and Juliet* tragedy, *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*, is being presented in the production which, several years ago, was the runaway hit of the Lyric Opera of Chicago's season. The production of Verdi's *Attila*, which has been shared by the San Diego Opera, New York City Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago and several other companies, features Sam Ramey in one of his greatest roles.

Other productions new to Bay Area audiences will include a staging (by Mansouri) of Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*.

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Carol Vaness, at left in *La Traviata*, and Sam Ramey, as *Attila*, will perform during the upcoming SF Opera season.

Music

David Byrne Lays an Egg in Saratoga

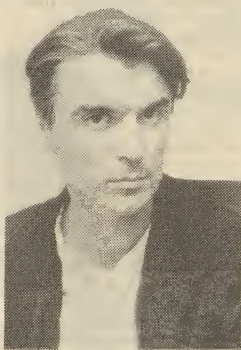
Boring Down the House

by Robert Julian

B is for balls, at least when it comes to David Byrne and his recent debacle at the Paul Masson Winery in Saratoga. Like most concerts at this spectacular Saratoga venue, Byrne's two-night gig sold out in nanoseconds last April. But by the end of Byrne's Friday night performance, close to 20 percent of the audience had fled.

Ticket holders paid for David Byrne in concert, but they received the San Jose Symphony Orchestra. The symphony, sans Byrne, played two Aaron Copland compositions for the first half of the evening. After intermission, Byrne came on as lead vocalist, backed by a group called The Los Angeles Vocal Artists. These nine vocalists, together with the orchestra, offered Byrne's recent orchestral composition, *The Forest*, for the evening's second act.

There are 10 parts in Byrne's *Forest*, each with names like Ur, Kish, Ninevah, or Asuka. Only one of these 10 sections has actual words. The other nine combine dissonant instrumental passages with wailing and moaning choral offerings characterized by monosyllabic bursts of "weh," "oooh," and "aah." The



David Byrne

overall effect is something like *Yma Sumac Meets the Cocteau Twins*.

Unanswered Questions

The Forest appears to be a soundtrack for a film or theatrical presentation, but this was not clarified in the completely obtuse program notes provided for Byrne's concert. There is also no additional information on the outside cover of *The Forest* compact disc, now available from Warner Bros. at Tower Records. But unanswered questions of context were of no particular interest to audi-

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TAKI TALK

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land. Fuck England. He goes to Australia. His wife leaves him because she doesn't want to go live there. And then the Australians find out he's done time. Of course, he hadn't bothered to put it down.

So they called him in and they say, "Lord G., what is this? You've done time."

He said, "Yes, of course, I've never denied it."

"But you didn't put it down in your visa application."

"But viewing that you all come from convict stock I thought it was unnecessary."

But he actually meant it. He's very stupid John. They said, "Oh really ... OK, out!"

You keep quoting Oscar Wilde throughout your writings, and, in fact, The Wall Street Journal compared this book to Wilde's Ballad of Reading Gaol.

That was Christopher Buckley, who obviously had taken LSD. He reviewed it for the *Washington Times*, said it was the best (prison) book since the *Ballad of Reading Gaol* ... Ah, he's a great friend of mine. He's my best friend. So that was easy.

You write that Truman Capote wrote the most famous unfinished novel. Did you know Truman?

Yes, I did.

Were you fond of him?

I am afraid I was far more fond of his work. I thought *Answered Prayers* was the best book I ever read. Alexandria (Taki's wife) hated it. I thought it was just perfect. And I'll tell you something of which I'm very flattered but also ashamed. When he couldn't finish it ... they knew he couldn't finish it ... someone at Knopf took me aside and said to me, "Would you like to finish this thing?"

They had a plan. And I said, "Oh, yes." And then I chickened out and said, "No!"

It was probably the most flattering thing I ever heard. But Truman was such a terrible person in life. He wasn't bad, but he simply couldn't tell the truth. Truman would give you a quote when you asked him something, and when the fact checker would call, Truman would say,

"Thank you, but I never heard of him." He'd do it just to make trouble ... and that wasn't necessary.

William Buckley is a friend of yours. What happens between you when he causes a controversy, like the time he wrote that people with AIDS should be tattooed?

Well again, he ... it's, uh ... I think he wasn't misquoted and he didn't, uh ... he didn't, uh ... What he actually said was the following, and typically, of course, because the press always gets it wrong. He said that if you quarantine people with small pox — funny enough, by the way, I was actually quarantined with him in my own country. We're coming in from Italy and we had to stay three days in my boat. Mind you, it's not so bad, but it was a small boat, and we're dying to get off it, having been on board it for 12 days. If we're quarantined for cholera, it was cholera in 1973.

If you quarantine people for diseases (like that), why can't you quarantine, for the protection of the public, people with AIDS?

He didn't say "tattoo." He said it was like tattooing them. He used the word "tattoo," but he didn't say let's tattoo people. In other words, you have to protect the public. Now whether the public is gay, straight, black, white, Jewish, it makes no difference. Somebody with AIDS can pass it on. When Bill said that we weren't so sure ... I wasn't so sure myself if right when he said that if AIDS could be passed on by a mosquito.

I remember I was in Mykonos, which is a very gay island. It's dominated by gays. Ninety percent of the tourists are gay. (Laughs) Five or six years ago, I was scared of the mosquitoes. ... In those days, we didn't know. Maybe it was set in that context. I mean I'm not here to defend ... although I defend Bill's integrity.

Bill is certainly a very compassionate man. I don't know the context in which he said it, but he certainly meant it as a quarantine to protect the public. ... And I agree with that! They're doing it now with dentists. You will see ... that once the gay community ... in 10 years when the gays will be the only ones practicing safe sex,



you will see that the State will turn around and really take Draconian measures against people with AIDS.

You know why, because I think ACT UP is doing a disservice to, first of all, the gay community by being so strident. The gays have taken the brunt already. They're the ones who took the brunt, and now people who will have AIDS will be more and more ... even less people who shoot ... it will become heterosexual. It's bound to. The gays have been wiped out during the '80s and '90s. By the year 2000, probably. If AIDS is not licked, which I don't see how it can be, then the State will take very, very ... They don't do it now because the gay community is very strident ... and I think they're making a mistake.

I hate to admit I have not taken any tests because one doesn't. But if it was mandatory, I would do it. And I would take certain measures. So I'm just as irresponsible.

Photographer: I think it should be mandatory for young people getting married.

Of course, it should be. How can they test for syphilis? I've been married twice and both times they test for syphilis, but they don't test for AIDS. It's a joke! Because

ACT UP will come and scream and yell.

Like I had a fight on the radio the other day. I said I'm glad that *Outweek* closed down, because one's sexuality is his own business. I thought outing Jodie Foster. ... Who the fuck are they to out Jodie Foster? Jodie Foster all her life has worked since she was three years old. She was the Coppertone baby. I happen to know her, but I'm not defending her for that.

The fact that she is bisexual or maybe lesbian — I think she is bisexual — is none of their fucking business. Who the fuck are they? And, of course, it hurts her professionally — and she's a very decent person. Who the fuck are they to print it all over? Malcolm Forbes — who did he hurt in his life? Sure, we all knew that he was gay. But so what?

But there are lots of historical figures who are gay. There are teachers now instructing that Walt Whitman is straight. Gay people don't have the same rights as straights. Gays can have their children taken away from them. The reason Reagan was quiet about AIDS was because it was hitting gays and drug addicts. This is because history denies that any of our heroes and heroines, dead or alive, were or are gay.

A good point you made. A point taken. Nevertheless, the idea that Greece at the height of the Golden Age of Greece was a homosexual Greece. ... Now I happened to be there when Takis Lambrias was — this was a terrible thing — when Lambrias was a journalist and then became a minister. I used to work for the junta, the colonels, I was very right-wing. I worked for them. I am the only one who admits it, but I do.

So there was this tough colonel there, a tough colonel, who called in Lambrias to see him, and I happened to be in the office that day. He called him and said, "What is this crap you wrote about all our ancestors were queer?"

Lambrias says, "Well, Colonel, if you read our history, they were!" So the guy said, "What?!" He got up and kicked Lambrias in the balls. (Laughs.)

I said to him, "Come on, Colonel, for Christ's sake!" He said, "It's bullshit! It's

the Turks who spread this rumor." I said, "Come on, Colonel!"

And Lambrias became famous for being kicked in the balls by the Minister of Culture or something. Well, he wasn't the Minister of Culture. But you see, I don't think history has been denied. I don't think that Greeks have lost or gained by the homosexuality of Socrates. I don't think the homosexuality of Alexander the Great is ... he was far better known as a great conqueror and a great statesman than being a homosexual.

So I don't like when the homosexual community says, "We've been screwed." Well, can I tell you something? Of course, they've been screwed, but a lot of people have been screwed. Blacks haven't been screwed? I mean Greeks were screwed for 400 years by the Turks. I think, look, you will never change the world.

I have a nephew, my brother's child, who just went up to my brother six months ago and said to him, "I'm gay. I'm living with somebody." So Harry couldn't handle it. He said, "So what? So let him fuck him." I said, "Are you sure he's not doing it to piss you off?"

But you will never get people. ... If you're gay, you can not be ... I mean I don't want my child to be gay because I think gays first of all have a lot of discrimination against them. And second of all, I'm sorry to say this, but gays will always feel somehow that something is wrong with them. That's why gays are so ... (Makes an elongated "puh" sound.) In a way, you can't say unhappy because it sounds sort of ... I don't know. I'd rather that my child wasn't.

If it happens to be, the only thing I'd want to do is to tell him, "Look! It's perfectly all right to do anything you fuckin' want, but don't go saying, 'Oh, I'm ...'"

I don't like proselytizing by gays toward the straight community because I think it's far more abnormal. I don't want someone to come and talk my child into becoming gay unless he wants to. And I'm completely right-wing and conservative, nevertheless I'm very liberal with certain things.

And that's what ACT UP does. I think they make a big mistake in the AIDS thing of screaming and yelling for money. You can't do more than what you're doing. There aren't resources there. And they forget that half the people die from cancer and heart disease every year. And let's say 100,000 people have died of AIDS. How many do you say?

Around 100,000, but they think over a million are infected with HIV.

They say. They say.

The difference between AIDS and other diseases like cancer is that AIDS can be spread by sexual contact, etc. Cancer can't be.

They aren't spread.

AIDS can be spread like a pyramid.

Yes, exponentially, sure. I still think that AIDS has to be treated far tougher than it is, meaning, I would say, quarantine. You have to have a test for everybody. You have to test people. You got to have a test for any federal job and for marriage. You can't allow people with AIDS to have children. ... I think the homosexual community makes a big mistake in getting into that fight because they say you shouldn't be tested. ▼

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Books

Growing Up Gay in Alabama

The Death of Donna-May Dean
by Joey Manley; St. Martin's Press, \$17.95

by Vicky Greenbaum

Doomed and cynical, the tone of this novel doesn't set out to seduce you; nevertheless, by the last page you've been rescued by hope and given a future to believe in. Manley's book isn't only about growing up gay in Alabama. The past and future of gay male sensibility is encoded in the characters' stumbling drift toward enlightenment.

An aging queen and his aging butch partner adopt a young hunk who kicked himself out of his mother's house for being gay. Conveniently, Dad is dead; still, the kid's memories of him are charged with reluctance and sorrow. The kid, named Jamie and called Mildred by his adoptive queen mother, fears his real mother's kindness and her attempts at understanding. Full of homophobia and self-loathing, he plunges into small-town gay life.

Living in the house of Keller (the queen) and Thomas (the butch), Jamie encounters sleaze and despair. Halfhearted romps with Keller pay his room and board; uneasy romance blooms between some of the young men—fledgling queens—yet they remain in thrall to the older men, and in training.

Midway through the book,

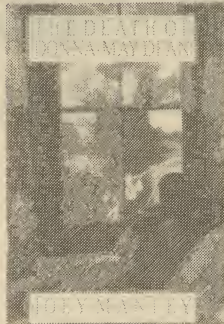
the initially reluctant reader is in thrall as well. Will Jamie find love, or just sex? Will the cruisers in the town's park be bashed? And who is Donna-May Dean?

This story is about how gay men are, should be and might be. In his first novel, author Manley embraces and rejects his gay male heritage, which he sees as being about "our self-hatred ... our stories ... our dead." Out of the mouth of babes (young Jamie) he proclaims, "AIDS is no new thing, just the latest face

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of the timeless: suicide and fag basher, camp, cutthroat trade, and overdose ... a long string of gaudy deaths, plastic beads to rattle and read." But the future he sends his characters toward, sauntering across the lazy Southern landscape, replaces self-hatred with self-acceptance.

Amid the small-town sludge, relentlessly detailed



for us by Manley, we can also hear whispers of innocence and delight. Like when Jamie's high-school classmate Richard shows the bag of quarters he's taken from the fountain in the town park: "I take them and keep them, because it makes me see how many of us there are." Queers toss quarters in the fountain as they sit, waiting for tricks, and Richard keeps count to proclaim: "In Genoa, Jamie—look at all the queers."

One person dies at the end (you may read the book to find out who), but everyone else is vibrantly alive. The newest presiding queen in the park, when asked to tell a story about the death of Donna-May Dean, says to his young fans instead, "Listen ... I want us to make up a new story to tell ... where nobody has to die at the end." ▼

Book Brief

Poetic Mind-Maze

Out of the Labyrinth: Selected Poems by Charles Henri Ford
City Lights, \$6.95

From his small-town Mississippi beginnings through Greenwich Village bohemian life in the 1930s, and postwar vagabondage in Paris, Crete, Kathmandu and sundry places, Charles Henri Ford has been writing drastically elliptical but often provocative poems.

Early in Ford's career, influential poet-physician William Carlos Williams said this about Ford's works: "... the effect is to revive the senses and force them to re-see, re-hear, re-taste and generally re-value all that is believed had been seen, heard, tasted, smelled and generally valued." Williams was dead right.

Typical of Ford's style of seemingly irrational, tightly compressed combinations is "J" from *ABC's for the child of no one who grows up to look like everyone's son*: "Jagged as the moon, a boy's desire/ may break a dish as though it were a toy/ thrilled to see the insect suddenly expire/ he hunts himself, a fugitive from joy." The indirectly gay feeling of this passage, characteristic of his earlier work, was published long before explicit sexual expression was permitted in the U.S.

Ford's poetry has recently become a bit more explicitly gay, as in this stanza from "Emblems from Arachne": "Ram wears a cowboy/ Shirt. Emroidered on each breast/ There's a black-stemmed rose." But Ford's interests range as widely as ever.

Now 78 and living in Paris, Ford continues his work and his association with people in the arts. There is surely more to come from his labyrinthine ways. — Marv. Shaw

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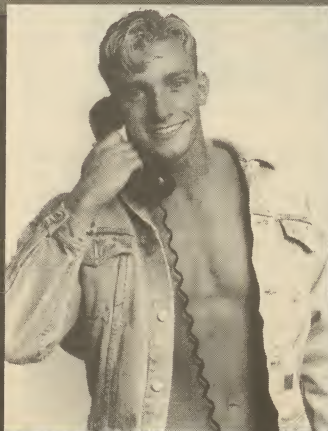
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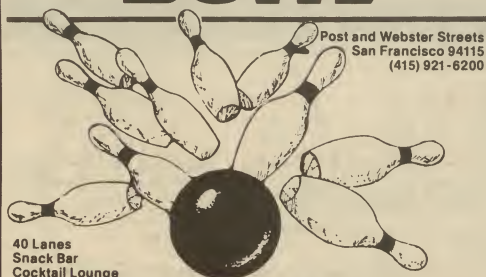
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THIS LEAGUE IS BUNCHES OF FUN AND ALL WILL HAVE A GOOD TIME. League will start September 11 at 8:45 pm — cost is \$10. per person per week — 5 bowlers to a team. GET SOME FRIENDS TOGETHER, FORM A TEAM AND COME ON DOWN!!!

THURSDAY AFTERNOON COMMUNITY LEAGUE

THIS ONE'S FORMED FOR ALL BARTENDERS, SWING SHIFT WORKERS AND DAYTIME FUN LOVERS. League will start October 17 — League bowls at 1 pm (in the afternoon) — 3 bowlers to a team — cost is \$8.50 per person per week.

FRIDAY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

THIS LEAGUE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS LAST YEAR WITH 20 TEAMS! 100% handicap — 6:15 pm — 3 bowlers to a team (trios) — cost is \$10. per person per week. League starts on November 1st.

SUNDAY RENO LEAGUE

THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GAY RENO LEAGUE IN S.F. This league culminates in a great fun 3 day weekend in Reno sometime in May. League starts on October 27 — cost is \$13.50 per person per week (includes Reno trip, Bus transportation, lodging and cash back coupons). 4 bowlers to a team — bowl Sunday at 6 pm.

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Triathlon

Triathlon Club Continues to Grow

by Rick Thoman

Out-To-Tri, the Northern California gay and lesbian triathlon club, is nearing its first anniversary, and club leaders John Duda and Lorrie Strohecker are excited about the community's response to its first season of activity.

The fledgling club currently boasts over 40 members from eight counties throughout the San Francisco, San Jose and Sacramento areas. Just as the sport of triathlon has experienced tremendous growth and interest over the past several years, the Out-To-Tri club is also gaining attention.

"We're real pleased with the interest we've received so far," commented Duda.

The idea for the Out-To-Tri club germinated at the 1990 Vancouver Gay Games, according to Strohecker, a five-year veteran of triathlon competitions. A core group began forming the club last October, and Out-To-Tri "officially" launched itself in January of this year.

"We're mostly set up to provide people with training partners," said Strohecker. So far the club does not charge dues, and because its membership is spread out geographically, it meets as a group only once a month (every second Sunday).

The sport of triathlon is a demanding combination of running, swimming and bicycling. Many Out-To-Tri members participate in other athletic clubs such as the Front-Runners, Tsunami swim team, the Dolphin/South End Club and Different Spokes, as part of their cross-training.

Gearing Up

The competitive triathlon



Out-To-Tri clubbers John Duda and Lori Strohecker.

(Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

season runs from early May to October, and several club members are now gearing up for the Santa Cruz Sentinel Triathlon slated for Oct. 8. Later in October, the 1991 U.S. Triathlon Series National Championships will be held in Las Vegas, and Michele Dodd and Laura Small are two of the Out-To-Tri members who have qualified for that competition.

Distances for each event may vary from the non-competitive "Tri for Fun" (approximately 500-meter swim/5K run/10K bike) to an "Ironman" course of 2.4-mile swim, 112 miles of biking and a marathon run (26.2 miles). The average course is typically a one-mile swim, a 23-mile bike ride and a 10K run.

Although many of Out-To-Tri's new members start out with an easy course, the club has members like Kris Nergaard, who has competed in

the one half-Ironman distances in the over-40 age category, and Dana Stanley, who completed the Ironman distances at the Vineman Triathlon earlier this year.

"We've got a real variety of athletes in our organization," stated veteran triathlete Duda. "We've had a lot of people compete in their first triathlon this year and others who have been participating in the sport for several years."

The club welcomes new members and anyone interested can call Duda at (415) 552-0249 or Strohecker at (415) 282-0391. Out-To-Tri also has a voice mailbox at 330-8740, which generally provides information about the club's next event.

Out-To-Tri members will be participating at Gay Sports Day on Angel Island, Sept. 15, and will be selling club T-shirts to raise funds at this year's Castro Street Fair. ▼

Bowling

Park Bowl Prepares for Winter

by Nancy Boutilier

You may not be able to find a free lunch anymore, but Park Bowl is opening its alleys for two nights of free bowling in preparation for their upcoming gay leagues. Park Bowl, the birthplace of gay bowling, has four leagues starting this month. Leagues are limited to 12 teams, and although the Tavern Guild Monday Trios League is full, plenty of room remains in other leagues.

The remaining leagues are all designed for four-person teams, and any team can carry up to two substitutes.

Regardless of one's bowling ability, there's always room for practice. That's why Park Bowl is offering open lanes with qualified instructors on hand to offer tips on Sept. 9 and 11 from 8:30-11 p.m. Anyone interested in a spot of advice or a bit of practice, call the alley at 752-2366 to reserve a spot.



The organizing meeting for the San Francisco Women's Business League, the Bay Area's only lesbian league, is Sept. 8 at 6 p.m., and the bowling begins Sept. 15. For info about the WBL, leave a message for Marian Nishimura at Park Bowl.

The Monday Tavern Guild 4s begins Sept. 16 at 8:30 p.m., and the organizing meeting will take place at 7:30 that night at Park Bowl.

The Tavern Guild Wednesday League begins Sept. 18 at

8:30 p.m., with a pre-season meeting at 7:30. The price for all leagues is \$10 per week, except for the Thursday Savings Leagues, which begin on Sept. 19 at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Savings leagues cost \$20 a week, for 28 weeks, but money comes back — \$350 worth — upon completion of the full season.

All leagues are sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress. Park Bowl is located at 1855 Haight St. For more info, call Mal at 752-2366. ▼

The Planets and Personality

by Dianne Aaronson

Editor's note: The following is the second part of a column on astrology, the first segment of which appeared in the Aug. 22 B.A.R.

Studying the various planets, stars and moons through the lens of astrology can be extremely educational. As in the field of psychology, various aspects of the personality are broken down into smaller categories. Often we tend to see only one side of ourselves — usually the part that we're dissatisfied with — which doesn't help much with our self-esteem. Becoming aware of other areas of our total self gives a more balanced picture, and awakens our ability to accept a more complex picture of the person we call "Me."

Commonly, a person will know his or her "sun sign," though be ignorant of any other astrological information. The sun represents our outer appearance, what we seem like and why.

The moon represents our in-

ner self or unconscious. It represents the desires within our heart that may or may not be expressed or realized in our lives. If the sun is the dominant, "masculine" side of the psyche, the moon is the more receptive and "feminine."

The sun and the moon along with the "ascendant" are the three most influential entities in our horoscope. Many people are unable to determine their ascendant, or rising sign, because the time of birth is necessary for this information. In cases such as this, many astrologers assume that the ascendant is the same as the sun. Apparently, this is very often the case. I assume that anyone with reasonable self-awareness would be able to read about the various rising signs and determine which category fits best. The rising sign represents the mask we present to others, especially upon first meetings. This is not necessarily our true self but the facade we hide behind while we're deciding whether

we can trust to let our true feelings show through.

Other personality aspects are represented as follows:

Mercury: the antenna of sense impressions

Venus: the antenna of emotional impressions

Mars: the energy principle — the sun and moon expressed in action — how you direct your energies outward

Jupiter: the "feeler" you have out in the world for opportunity, the uses to which you wish to put it, and the capacity you have to react to and profit by it.

The following four planets are influential on a larger, more far-reaching scale. Their cycles are longer, and some affect whole generations.

Saturn: still a "personal" planet, since it indicates the direction that our life will take. It is considered the karmic planet because it influences through which lens our life lessons will be learned.

Uranus: relates to creative



originality or individuality. Neptune: represents the deepest wells of the subconscious.

Pluto: relates to the ability to let go of things, to get rid of irrelevant prejudices and outdated behavior patterns.

Each of these planets is a study in and of itself. Each tells a story rich with detail, and the total picture represents endless possibilities, challenges and potential for self-awareness and growth.

In order to learn more about your personal planets, their

transits and the effect they have in your lives, I would suggest the following books: *Moon Signs: The Key to Your Inner Life* by Donna Cunningham; *The Lunation Cycle: A Key to the Understanding of Personality* by Dane Rudhyar; *The Rising Sign* by Jeanne Avery; *Saturn: A New Look at an Old Devil* by Liz Greene; *Astrology, Psychology and the Four Elements* by Stephen Arroyo; *Astrology, Karma and Transformation* by Stephen Arroyo. ▼

Pool

Time Out!

All eyes intently gaze at the player who's confronted with a dilemma that can result in a game-ending situation. The player leans over the table to address the cue ball but freezes at the call and says, "Time out!"

The appropriate use of the two time-out periods allowed in each league game is a goal which eludes many well-intentioned captains. Pool is by nature an intensely personal sport and national tournament rules forbid conferencing of any sort, but in league play it can help equalize the competition between players of different skill levels.

One mistake often made in these situations is the tone of the delivery of the strategic options. It's rarely effective to deliver the option as a direct order. If the player doesn't believe in the course of action, the chances for effective execution are slim. Think of it in terms of adoption. The advisor is showing you a baby. Once you as the player adopt that baby, it's your responsibility, regardless of the outcome.

Many players don't take adequate advantage of their conferencing opportunities. The careful consideration of each player's ideas can help draw a team into a closer, more effective unit.

League Leaders

Division leaders for the week are Giraffe Deep Throats, AC/DC Q-Club, Park Bowl Silent Lambs and Q-Cumbers. The top four individuals after four weeks of play are Lauren Ward, Jun Valiao, Mark Miller and the league leader in table runs, E.Z.

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Gay Men's Basketball

Games played Sundays, 6 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. Tony, 621-2710.

Tavern Guild Bowling League

For info call Mal, 752-2366.

SF Women's Business Bowling League

Sundays at 6 p.m. at Park Bowl, 1855 Haight. Mal, 752-2366.

Stonewall Rock Climbers

Stonewall Rock Climbers is a national group of gay, lesbian & bisexual climbers. For info call 255-3162 or 648-3059.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club

Tuesday & Friday practices at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. All skill levels, ages and ethnicities welcome. Gary, 558-9195, or Gene, 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club

Sept. 14 & 28: Regular workouts 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 11 & 25: In-structural beginners group 7:30-9:30 p.m. All age groups, styles, ability levels and weight classes welcome; lightweights are especially encouraged. Call 538-8490 or 821-9721.

Bay Area Boxing Club

Thursday workouts at 7 p.m. Open to all gay men & women who want to learn the art of boxing. All levels respected. Featuring self-defense, sparring & individual instruction. Greg, 255-7361.

SF Women's Flag Football

For info call Michelle, 431-7636.

SF Trojans

Flag football team. For info call Bernard, 824-7048.

Touch Football

Saturday mornings, plus. For info call Peter, 252-9053.

Castro Volleyball Club

Sundays, 8 p.m., for competitive intermediate play. \$4. Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. Tony, 255-2781.

Saturday Volleyball

Saturday mornings at the Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. Tony, 255-2781.

Gay Volleyball

Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., in the school yard at 18th St. & Deharo, SF. All welcome, even beginners. Jay, 864-0257.

South Bay Volleyball Association

Free-play and practice every Sunday from 2-5 p.m., 1840 Benton St., Santa Clara. All skill levels welcome. Teams forming to play in gay tournaments throughout California. Mark, (408) 960-1267.

Gay Softball League

For info call Len, 864-3220.

Bay Area Racquetball Club

Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Schoeber's Athletic Club, South SF. All skill levels welcome. Wref, 626-7758.

Gay tennis recreation

For info write to 2215-R Market St., No. 109, SF 94114.

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Tsunami Gay/Lesbian Swim Team

Sundays, 10-11:45 a.m., at SF Rec. & Park King Pool, 3rd St. & Carrol. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 6:15-7:35 p.m., at SF Rec. & Park Garfield Pool, 26th St. & Harrison. Call 626-0561 or 255-9091.

SF Water Polo

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m., at Coffman Pool, Visitation & Hahn. Men & women of all skill levels welcome. John, 621-0783.

Sea Snakes

Sept. 10: Meeting at 7 p.m. at Bahamas Tourist Office, 44 Montgomery/Market, #500, SF. SF's gay scuba club. Monthly meetings, dive trips to Monterey, scuba certification classes, social events & exotic dive trips. Call 431-1340. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary, Ste. 619C, SF, CA 94102-1863.

SF FrontRunners

Saturday Fun Run/Leisurely Walk, 9 a.m., at Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; no-host brunch follows. Tuesday Fun Runs, 6:30 p.m., at Ferry Bldg, Embarcadero; no-host dinner follows. Thursday Fun Runs, 6:30 p.m., at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park; no-host dinner follows. Sunday Fun Runs, 10 a.m., location TBA. Rod, 621-2213.

EastBay FrontRunners

For info call Roz, 939-3579, or Greg, 865-6792.

Bay Area Distance Runners

Sept. 8: Real Fairy to Ferry Run, 23 miles from Castro to Tiburon. Sept. 29: Portland Marathon, Berlin Marathon, Bridge to Bridge 13-mile run. For info call Dave, 626-1380, or Lois, 586-6013.

Different Spokes Bicycle Club

250-member recreational bicycling club, bimonthly meetings, organized rides each weekend. Decide-and-Rides each Sunday, 10 a.m., at McLaren Lodge, Stanyan & Oak, Golden Gate Park. All levels welcome. Weekly schedule, 282-1647. Write to P.O. Box 14711, SF 94114.

SF Track & Field Club

Practice Sundays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. at SF State University track. All levels welcome. Rick, 626-8784.

OUT-TO-TRI Triathlon Club

Newly formed club. Newly formed club, all levels welcome. Call info line, 330-8740.

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New group forming. For info call Carlis, 241-9515.

Opera

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de, borrowed from the Cologne Opera, and Andrei Serban's controversial production of Strauss' *Elektra* from the Grand Theatre de Geneve, with a knockout cast featuring Gwyneth Jones, Nadine Secunde, Helga Dernesch, Tom Fox and Monte Pederson.

Of the "old" productions which are up for revival, Verdi's *La Traviata* features the long-awaited return of Carol Vaness (Merola graduate turned international star) opposite tenor Marcello Giordani, one of the new and very hot matinee-idol tenors on the circuit. Mozart's *Don Giovanni* features the very sexy Gino Quilico backed by such talented American artists as Marilyn Mims, Kallen Esperian, Harolyn Blackwell and Frank Lopardo.

Jean-Pierre Fonnelle's *Car-men* is being restaged by Paula Williams (the talented woman who did such an exciting job with this summer's revival of *The Magic Flute*) and conducted by Vyacheslav Sutej, one of the few conductors I've ever heard who can make audiences and singers scream for more. What makes this revival particularly interesting is that it has four Merola graduates (Barry McCauley, Patricia Racette, Maria Fortuna and Yanyu Guo) in major roles. ▼

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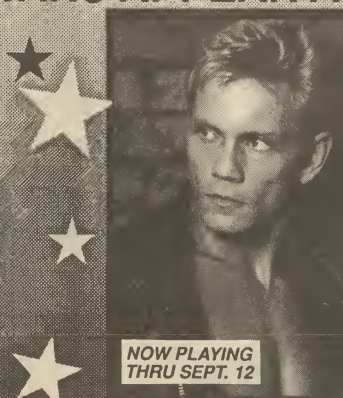
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- **Club Dekadence:** House & danceable industrial mix with DJ Bugie Matsushita. Glamour & sleaze our specialty. 9 p.m.-3 a.m. \$5. The Endup, 6th St. & Harrison, SF.
- **ACT UP!/Golden Gate Rent Party Extravaganza:** Prizes for most glamorous drag & activist drag with attitude. \$5 gets you beer, soda, snacks & loads of fun. 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at 539 Hayes, SF.
- **'Dance Ranch':** Western Star Dancers invites the gay & lesbian community to an evening of country-western, square & line dancing. No experience or partner needed. Wear soft-soled shoes. 7-9:30 p.m. \$3. Eureka Valley Rec Center, Collingwood & 18th St., SF. 864-6134.
- **'Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid':** Written & directed by Henry Mach with music by Paul Katz, the hit musical deals with the dreams, memories & fears of a group of men facing their HIV test results — a sexy, irreverent look at gay lives past, present & future. Thru Sept. 29, Thu.-Sun. at 8 p.m. \$10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF.

SATURDAY 7

- **The Girl Spot:** Saturday danceclub for lesbians. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at The Endup, 6th St. & Harrison, SF.
- **Gay Comedy Night:** Featuring Karen Williams, Maureen Brownsey & Scott Capurro. 10 p.m. \$8. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.
- **Dianne Davidson in Concert:** Davidson raises the roof with blues, soul & rock 'n' roll. Doors 8 p.m., show 8:30 p.m. \$7-10. Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore & Coffeehouse, 175 Stockton, San Jose. (408) 293-9372.
- **Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance:** General meeting & potluck dinner. 6-9 p.m. Donation. Potrero Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro, SF. Richard, 863-0212.
- **Arts Program for Children of Lesbian & Gay Parents:** Students, from 2 years old to adults, may sample free performance arts classes, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. today, before fall session begins Sept. 16. Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission/11th St., SF. 554-0402.
- **Girth & Mirth Club/SF:** Impromptu Saturday Night — come meet your fellow chubbies & chasers at their own clubhouse. BYOE Everything. 8-11 p.m. 176-B Page, SF. 824-0260.
- **SF Hiking Club:** Pt. Reyes National Seashore 7-mile hike. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen. Meet under big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF, at 9:30 a.m. \$11 per car shared among riders. Rain cancels.

MONDAY 9

- **Gay Comedy Open Mike:** Scott Cappuro hosts aspiring gay & lesbian comics who sign up by phone by 7 p.m. Show 8 p.m. \$4. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.
- **Steve Abbott's Writing Workshop:** The noted Bay Area writer's three-month workshop emphasizes creativity enhancement and spontaneous writing flow. All genres, levels welcome. \$120. Call 626-5224.
- **Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE):** Reading & talking women potluck dinner 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. title — Annie Dillard's *An American Childhood*. 77 Waller, SF. 626-7000.
- **SF Jacks:** Club for men who like to jack off with other men. Housewarming party at new meeting place — Headquarters. Call 979-0537.

TUESDAY 10

- **'Rock & Roll Queer Bar':** Tuesdays with DJs Don Baird & Jon Ginoli. 9 p.m. till afterhours. \$2. The Underground, 201 9th St./Howard, SF. 552-3466.
- **'Pretty, Witty and Gay':** Solo performer Marga Gomez searches for her high school math class, rewrites the Bible, is possessed by Miss Jane Hathaway's spirit & reads Anais Nin on the eve of her first appearance as a homosexual on a TV talk show. 9 p.m. \$7. The Other Cafe, 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville. 601-4888 or 762-BASS.
- **Lavender Greens:** Gay, lesbian & bi general meeting. 7 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka/18th St., Rm. 104A, SF. Call Mike, Irene or Jim at 252-9169 or 206-9941.
- **Sea Snakes:** Club meeting & video presentation for gay scuba divers, prospective divers/snorkelers. 7 p.m. Govt. of the Bahamas Tourist Office, 44 Montgomery/Market, #500, SF. 431-1340.
- **Klitz Sex Party for Women:** Videos, private rooms, play space. Tuesdays 7 p.m.-4 a.m. \$5-10 donation includes complementary food & beverages. 1365 Folsom/9th St., SF. 864-1543.

HOTTIPS



- **Nightbreak: 'Funk & Soul'** DJ Jimmy Lyons spins current dance & retro funk. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. 1821 Haight, SF. 221-9008.
- **Over Our Heads:** The East Bay's popular women's comedy improv group plays one night only. 10 p.m. \$8. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.
- **'Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean':** The Bedini Theatre Project presents the comedy-drama by Ed Graczyk about the 20th anniversary reunion of the "Disciples of James Dean." Thru Sept. 14, Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m. \$10. Miz Brown's Restaurant Theatre, 2565 Mission/22nd St., SF. 921-2769.
- **'The Architect and the Emperor of Assyria':** The Human Family Pain presents Arrabal's two-man play set on a deserted island. When Victorian mores clash with contemporary social issues like homoeroticism, gender roles & co-dependency, comic mayhem ensues. Thru Sept. 7, Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m. \$6-8. 21 Bernice Theatre, 21 Bernice/12th St. near Folsom, SF. 861-7825.
- **'Sitting Pretty':** Magic Lightning Productions presents Dan Fogel's new translation & adaptation of Moliere's commedia farce, *Les Precieuses Ridicules* — a wacky yet honest look at censorship & social inequality. Thru Oct. 20, Fri. & Sat. at 8 & 10 p.m.; Sun. at 3 & 5 p.m. \$12. Broadway North Beach Theatre, 391 Broadway/Montgomery, SF. 526-5375.
- **'The Amazon All-Stars':** Carolyn Gage's musical comedy about a lesbian softball team called the Desert Hearts. Thru Sept. 15, Fri.-Sun. at 8 p.m. \$9-10. Santa Cruz Actors' Theatre, Art Center, 1001 Center, Santa Cruz. (408) 425-7529.
- **Shanti Project Volunteers:** Last day to sign up to provide practical support to people with AIDS in SF. Training Sept. 13-15. Call Mike, 777-2273.
- **Black & White Men Together (BWMT) Rap/Social Nights:** Topic — "Confronting Racism in the Lesbian/Gay Community." All welcome, refreshments served. Doors 6:30 p.m., rap 7 p.m. 1350 Waller/Masonic, SF. 826-2968.
- **'How to Conquer Your Fear & Depression':** Lecture/demonstration by Bob Flax, M.A. 7 p.m. 626 Balboa, SF. Seating limited. Call for free reservation, 647-7955.

SUNDAY 8

- **Club Uranus:** Wild adventures with DJs Mike & Lewis. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$4. 401 Harrison/6th St., SF. For info call 543-7700. All-day T-dance begins at 6 a.m.
- **'I Love Lucy Party' Benefit:** SF Saddletramps presents a deluxe dinner buffet, entertainment, raffle, Lucy trivia quiz, prizes. Lucy (or one of her characters) & Ricky look-alike contest. 6-10:30 p.m. \$5. Rawhide II, 280 7th St., SF. 621-1197.
- **Crysanthemum Ragtime Band in Concert:** Featuring pop music from 1890 to 1920 by Berlin, Kern, Joplin & Sousa. 4 p.m. \$5-6. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.
- **Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE):** Potluck brunch for men. Bring a dish to share. 12-3 p.m. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero, SF. 626-7000.
- **Gay & Lesbian Hortiphiles:** Plant & garden lovers meet in front of Capitola Theater at 1 p.m. for Capitola's Begonia Nautical Parade at 2 p.m. Guests & newcomers welcome. Call 851-1022 for carpool or info.
- **Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG):** Meets 2-4 p.m. at St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church, SF. 681-4005.
- **Rosh Hashanah Services:** Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, a gay & lesbian synagogue, celebrates evening services Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; morning & children's service Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin/Geary, SF. Wheelchair access. Call 861-6932 for childcare or signing.
- **Gays/Lesbians of the Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science:** All are invited to attend 10 a.m. Sunday service at the Luther Burbank Center, Santa Rosa.
- **Dignity/SF:** Eucharistic celebration for gay & lesbian Catholics & friends. 5:30 p.m. Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores/15th St., SF. 255-9244.
- **Metropolitan Community Church/SF:** Morning worship at 9 & 11 a.m., gospel music service at 7 p.m. (ASL interpreted). Services followed by coffee hour. 150 Eureka, SF. 863-4434.

WEDNESDAY 11

- **Gay Comedy Night:** Featuring Shan Carr, Lank & Earl, Margaret Eho, Mark Davis. 9 p.m. \$5. El Rio, 3158 Mission, SF. 282-3325.
- **Cafe Istanbul:** Sance of Avaaz presents intercontinental fusion — Indian, Arabic, African. Wednesdays, 8-10 p.m. No cover. 525 Valencia/16th St., SF.
- **Global Riot:** SF's only gay/lesbian comedy improv group promises a premiere every Wednesday. 8 p.m. \$8. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.
- **'San Francisco Says No ... to the New World Order' Outdoor Screening:** Tiger Tiger TV's documentary on SF's response to the Gulf War is projected onto new KQED bldg., Mariposa & York, to protest KQED's selective censorship. Call 695-0931.
- **'Lesbian Rights in the '90s: A View From the Bench':** The Bay Area Lesbian-Feminist Bar Assn. sponsors a talk by the Honorable Donna J. Hitchens with reception to follow. 7:30 p.m. \$3-15 donation. New College Theatre, 777 Valencia, SF. Call 933-0887 for registration or info.
- **'Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out':** Contributors Lani Kaahumanu, Shu Wei Chen (Andy), Susan Carlton & Hap Stewart read their work. 7:30 p.m. A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books, Larkspur Landing. 457-1115.
- **'Glance Back':** Renderings in oil by Terry Hanson. Reception 6-9 p.m. On view thru Sept. 24. My Pace, 1225 Folsom, SF.
- **Two SF Photographers:** Landscapes, cityscapes, interiors, nudes by Jessica Tanzer & J.B. Higgins. On view thru Sept. 29, Wed.-Sun., Mon. & Tue. by appt. Art Lick Gallery, 4147 19th St./Collingwood, SF. 621-5131.
- **National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF):** Local unit of the national organization meets at 7 p.m. Women's Bldg., 3543 18th St./Valencia, SF.
- **Federal Lesbians and Gays (FLAG):** Guest speaker Rev. Robert Warren Cromey. No-host bar, snacks. All welcome, especially public service employees. 6 p.m. \$2. Charpe's, 131 Gough, SF. 861-8718.

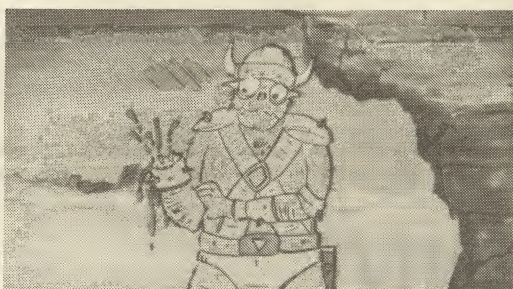
THURSDAY 12

- **Faster Pussycat!**: The sweetest kittens have the sharpest claws. Dancing for women with DJs Nikki Rivera & Downtown Donna. \$3. Firehouse 7, 16th St. & Valencia, SF. Pussycat hotline, 561-9771.
- **'Yes No or VI'**: David Cohen's one-man show. 9:30 p.m. \$5. El Rio, 3158 Mission, SF. 282-3325.
- **'Beyond Brooklyn'**: Solo Mio presents Sara Felder's performance of finding lesbian love, hot croissants & circus sleaze in California. Sept. 12-15, Thu-Sat. at 10:30 p.m., Sun. at 8 p.m. \$10-12. Climate Theater, 252 9th St./Folsom, SF. 626-9196.
- **Old Wives' Tales Bookstore**: Party with the women of SF's hot new lesbian magazine, *Deneuve*. 7:30 p.m. \$3-10 donation. 1009 Valencia/21st St., SF. 821-4675.
- **'Everything You Wanted to Know About Compound Q But Haven't Asked'**: Meeting at 7 p.m. The Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF. 729-5455.
- **National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)**: Reception for the new executive director. 6-8 p.m. \$25-100 donation. Bronson, Bronson and McKinnon, 505 Montgomery, 4th fl., SF. 621-0674.
- **Man2Man: Being Intimate**: Experience being close to other men. 7-9 p.m. Free. The Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF. Tommy, 239-7839.
- **Lambda Amateur Radio Club**: Gay & lesbian radio hams & those interested meet at 8 p.m. Call 863-1196.
- **'First Members' Exhibit**: Art exhibit on view thru Oct. 5. Forbidden Images Gallery, DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 175 Stockton, San Jose. (408) 208-5313.
- **Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE)**: Men's friendship group meets at 2:45 p.m. at 711 Eddy, SF. 626-7000.
- **Rainbow's End**: Gay, lesbian & bisexual youth group for ages 24 & under. Drop-in time 6:30-7 p.m.; group time 7-9 p.m. Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., #12, San Anselmo. 457-1115.
- **Coming Home Hospice Bingo**: Every Thursday. Doors at 6 p.m., games at 7 p.m. Most Holy Redeemer Church basement, 100 Diamond, SF. 648-8508 (message).
- **ACT UP/SF**: Meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St./Valencia, SF. Wheelchair access. 563-0724.



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- **ACT UP/Golden Gate Rent Party Extravaganza**: Prizes for most glamorous drag & activist drag with attitude (take a note from Ms. Clita Govoytnier, above, who may or may not attend). \$5 gets you beer, soda, snacks & loads of fun. Sept. 6, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at 539 Hayes, SF.



EXTRA SICK AND TWISTED

- **'All Extra-Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation'**: Spike and Mike, producers of the annual Festival of Animation, unleash their latest and most innovative show ever each Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-Oct. 20, at the Wheeler Auditorium, University of California, Berkeley, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-Oct. 6, at the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3601 Lyon St., SF. From the erotic *Pink Komkommer* to the ultra violence of *Quiet Please*, the festival was tested on midnight audiences last year to great acclaim. For more information call 567-6642 (Palace of Fine Arts shows) or 642-7511 (Wheeler Hall shows).

AIDS BENEFITS

- **'M. Butterfly'**: David Henry Hwang's acclaimed play focuses on a former French diplomat and a Chinese opera singer joined together in a web of clandestine love, political intrigue and mistaken sexual identity. A special performance of *M. Butterfly* Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. benefits The Actors Fund of America, a national organization that helps members of the entertainment industry who are stricken with AIDS-related disease. \$12-42. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary, SF. Charge by phone: 762-BASS.
- **Asian AIDS Project Rubber Club Party**: The Asian AIDS Project hosts the third Rubber Club Party with a safe-sex and condom-use show featuring Asian Rubber Beauties and the Court of Latex Queens. Sept. 8, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. (show starts 9 p.m.), at 'N Touch, 1548 Polk, SF. Call 227-0946 for info or to volunteer.
- **Beth Barker Sings at Mirassou**: Vocalist Beth Barker performs a collection of material that includes works by Sondheim, Kern and Herman; songs by Natalie Cole; and favorites from *Funny Girl* to benefit the ARIS Project. Sept. 8 & 15, champagne serving 5:30 p.m., performance 6 p.m. \$20 per person. Mirassou Champagne Cellars, 300 College/Main, Los Gatos. Call (408) 295-1007 or (408) 395-3790.
- **'The Eyes Have It ...'**: The Grand Ducal Council of SF presents an evening of hypnotism with the hip hypnotist, Miss Pat Collins, to benefit Project Open Hand, Coming Home Hospice and the Godfather Service Fund. Also appearing are singer Juli Christi, puppeteer Will King and hostess Lady Bobbette. Sept. 12, doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. \$10-20. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St./Mission, SF. Call 647-4849.

THE WORD MADE FLESH

- **'Hard Words and Live Acts'**: The LAB presents a sizzling line-up of experimental works and dramatic readings by artists and writers exploring the parameters of sexual, political and cultural identity — Ester Amy Fischer, Shayne Naudi & Minoo Hamzavi Sept. 5; Absolut Manpussy & Dee Russell Sept. 6; Bob Flanagan Sept. 7; Kate Bornstein Sept. 8. All events begin at 8 p.m. \$5-7. The LAB Gallery, 1807 Divisadero/Bush, SF. Call 346-4063.

VISUAL ART

- **'Facing Off — Bay Area Arts Activism: Pragmatic Strategies for Cannibalistic Times'**: An exhibit of art-work created in response to political and social injustice by artists and collectives who have used public arenas as their forum. Their works unconditionally seek to disrupt complacency and effect change in a country manifestly at odds with itself. Contributors include Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights, Divine/ACT UP San Francisco, Paper Tiger Television-West, and Radical Arts Trajectory. Reception Sept. 6, 6-9 p.m. On view thru Oct. 12, Tue-Sat., 12-5 p.m. SF Camerawork, 70 12th St., SF. Call 621-1001.

DANCE

- **'The Egg Dance'**: The egg, an ageless symbol of purity, renewal and rebirth, is exalted and embattled, as the sacred aspects of feminine archetypes are explored and the trappings that have come to symbolize them in our patriarchal society are satirized. Fashion, etiquette, power and men's idolization become shattered targets in this work choreographed and performed by Gay White and Leigh Evans, with Sheldon Norberg. Sept. 12 & 13 at 8:30 p.m. \$12. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida/17th St., SF. Call 621-7797.

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Boring

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ence members who headed for the parking lot in substantial numbers throughout Byrne's performance.

As an orchestral work, *The Forest* is not an embarrassment. Byrne manages to combine elements of American Indian chants, Brazilian rhythm, and country-western with some percussion flourishes reminiscent of his Talking Heads days. *The Forest* is occasionally beautiful, consistently off-beat, and frequently off-putting. As an orchestral composer, Byrne poses no threat to the memory of Leonard Bernstein.

Unfortunately, the SRO crowd who purchased tickets long ago, had no way of knowing this concert would be such a departure from the Byrne tradition. If they missed Byrne's brilliant 1990 *Rei Momo* concert at the Warfield, their disappointment could only be heightened. Ultimately the culprit is Byrne (or possibly the winery), who did not explain the unprecedented nature of the concert to ticket buyers in advance.

There was no encore at the end of Byrne's concert, and I did not expect one. Of course, it's quite possible listeners will find that, with repeated exposure, *The Forest* will grow on them. The same may also be said for poison ivy.

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34yo GWM, 6', 175#, blnd/hzl, sks intense, sincere GWM, 18-30yo, for serious frndshp, poss rltshp in Redwood City. EXT. 2180

Blk 29yo top has been made into FF pig toy by leather dad. This pig is ready to party long & hard. EXT. 2181

Cute GWM, 41yo, 5'8, blnd/brn, prof, sks cute/sexy top man of color (or Arab) for mutual fun & excitement. EXT. 2182

Hot athletic WM, 31yo, 175#, HIV-, smooth, cute, hndsm, hung, gentleman, sks similar for oral action in Millbrae. EXT. 2166

Novice sks hot, horny yng guy to tie me up & shave my hot butt. You & me HIV-. Safe & sane but kinky. 38yo. EXT. 2167

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Mustached, 180#, brn hair, 30yo lkg for fun fast times, cuddle, sex, poss romance, friends. EXT. 2171

Attrac 30yo WM, in shape, 5'10, 165#, hung, vers, sks in-shape WM under 38yo, hung, who like to show off & have safe fun. EXT. 2172

Hot glory hole. My apt & videos of action before, during & after. Lots of tongue action. Cum a must. EXT. 2173

Masc, mature, dom but affec GWM, HIV-, sks submsv GM, 18-35yo, any race. Rltshp poss. EXT. 2174

I love to spank Asian men & other smooth, slim guys who really need it. Hand paddle, erotic or strict. WM, 38yo, 5'10, 230#, outta shape, intelligent, fun, safe. 14 yrs exp. EXT. 2165

GWM, 47yo, affectionate, cuddler, sks rltshp. You are a GWM, 25-45yo, cut, w/gd bod, HIV-. No drugs. EXT. 2219

Punishment, humiliation & spanking given to yng, slim, smooth butts by hot, hairy ltaln top. EXT. 2183

50yo sks mature model/escort, 33-45yo, for safe sex, dinners, travel. No drugs. EXT. 2184

Help — recently divorced, recovering alcoholic sks companionship to beat the long days and/or nights. EXT. 2185

Gdlkng 30yo, 5'10, 165#, in shape, hung, horny, sks gdlkng, in-shape, musc, hung WM under 36yo for hot safe sex. EXT. 2186

My tongue — your hairy crack! Luv to rim guys 20-42yo. Must be firm. No fats. I'm 52yo, masc & in shape, you are too. EXT. 2187

Porn star/exhibitionist sks future lover, must be 18-30yo, hot, bright, HIV-. No escorts pls. EXT. 2188

Cute-lkng guy: fun, cool, tan, healthy, blnd. Would like to meet same, 18-21yo, for whatever — sex-massage? EXT. 2189

Wanted: tall, dark & daring masc top who wants to be with a gorgeous female impersonator. EXT. 2190

GWM, 42yo, wants p'ner into wining & dining each other and sleeping & sexing together. EXT. 2191

Sissy boy under 30yo, skinny, wanted by daddy bear for romance, but no sex 'til the 3rd date. Serious only. EXT. 2192

Bondage & full-body massage by expd male wanted by hndsm, athletic, smooth Asian male. EXT. 2193

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Lkng for Chinese, Thai, Filipino man who would like to try something new & safe, oral pleasure, companionship, erotic desire by BM, 199#, 5'11, HIV-, very expd too. EXT. 2195

38yo WM doin' time & getting short, lkng for good girl who wants rltshp. EXT. 2196

Ckskng sugar dad wanted by boyish, hndsm, hung (8 1/2", x-thick, cut) stud, 6'1, 165#, trim, tan, brn/grn, cln-shvn, 36yo lks 26, HIV+. Need financial support, sexual serv; can provide affec, hot rltshp. EXT. 2197

26yo WM sks 30+ yo top/leatherman for poss rltshp. I'm open to new experiences & life. EXT. 2198

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Sexy pre-op transsexual sks stocky man for "7". Must be top! HIV+ OK. Drug-free too. I'm 28yo & cute. EXT. 2222

Dynamite dad — masc & musc, 45yo, 5'11, 175#, healthy, hairy ass, hung, in Hayward. EXT. 2223

Blk transsexual, heavily hung, wants cross-dresser & JO pals. My cock is always hard for you. EXT. 2224

I'm asleep nude in the park. You find me, fuck my ass. Me: 25yo, gdlkng. You: 18-37yo, gdlkng, 6" +. I send you a map! EXT. 2225

BiWM sks other lively spirits involved in the arts. I'm HIV+, 40yo, 5'11, 160#, Norwegian Harvard grad. EXT. 2226

Spanking in Beantown by GAM to cln-shvn WM execs visiting Boston. Suit, tie, uniform, preppie A+. EXT. 2227

Hot, fat btm wanted. Let my mega dick explore your asshole & get on my face w/your nasty fat ass. EXT. 2228

Hndsm GWM, 37yo, 5'11, 165#, gymed, br/bl, HIV-, athletic, sks gdlkng GWM, 25-35yo, to share my good life. Fats OK. EXT. 2229

Very gdlkng, strt-lkng Latin, hot, hung, tall & built, sks other hot Latins who are gdlkng & built nice. EXT. 2230

Transsexual, non-operative, attrac, 41yo, bi, thin. You're older, active, non-smkng, thin, smart. EXT. 2231

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I luv foreskin! Let me pls you if you're in shape & masc ... clean or funky. Extra skin A+. I'm 52yo & in shape, you are too. EXT. 2163

Sex buddy wanted by 42yo GWM, 5'9, 153#, open to most scenes, JO partner top, having it pumped safe & slow. EXT. 2164

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Top, BB, B/W man wanted by cute, yng guy. You're expnd & willing to teach me. No fats. EXT. 2206

Attrac GBM, 40s, HIV-, sks GWM, 50-65yo, HIV-, w/big, thick dick (7-9"), who would like to be servcd by "the best." EXT. 2207

Sugar daddy, 45yo GWM lknng for hot boner, 18-21yo. Licking & sucking my specialty. EXT. 2208

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Bicep, tricep arm man wanted who can give safe, oral, erotic desire & any poss wishes by BM, 199#, 5'11, HIV-. EXT. 2210

Take a walk on the wild side! Masc man needed to help calm a gorgeous drag queen down. Can you? EXT. 2211

Cute 20yo Asian sks 20-29yo WM, who's kind, playful & creative, for rltshp. Interests in the arts A+. EXT. 2212

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Very gdlkng, masc, tall, trim guys, cln-shvn, no 'stache, under 35yo, sought by boyish, hndsm, well-hung stud, cln-shvn, strt-lkng, 6'1, 165#, brn/gm, 29yo. Loves kissing, mutual JO. Blnds, smooth A+. EXT. 2215

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Hndsm Sacramento GM, 24yo, 6'2, sks guys who enjoy outdoors & fine food/wine. EXT. 2125

Hot, dark, btm Asian wants masc, hot, hairy tops to fulfill my fantasy of "2 on 1" — me. EXT. 2126

GWM, 32yo, 6'3, br/bl, cln-cut, 245#, lkng for chubby chasers, 18-32yo, GWM/GHM, in good shape. Let's do it! EXT. 2127

GWM, 31yo, 6'4, brn/bl, 'stache, new to SF area, needs lover, 18-25yo, w/smooth, slender body, cln-shvn. No drugs. EXT. 2128

GWM, 32yo, 6', 184#, musc, defined, skng guys of similar build, pref smooth. EXT. 2129

Cut this out only if you want more than just the physical. Gdtkng 31yo skng the same-ish. EXT. 2130

Hot, hndsm Hispanic, 30yo, 5'5, 140#, sks horse-hung tops, any race, 25-50yo, for sex, rltshp or friendship. Call. EXT. 2131

E. Bay 29yo GBM, 6', 180#, likes to meet attrac bi-sex male, blk or Latin, in E. Bay. EXT. 2132

GWM, 39yo, honest & reliable, sks masc lover. EXT. 2133

Sugar daddy needed by 28yo GWM. Me: 5'8, brn/grn, vers, HIV-. You: any race, age & wealthy. EXT. 2134

Hunky GWM, 40yo, grey/bl, 5'9, 155#, into hot mutual smoke trip — cig, cigars, pipe. Vanilla to raunch scenes. EXT. 2135

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GAM, 33yo, 5'7, 135#, 6+", wants to lay back while getting expert oral serv. Blk, Latin pref. EXT. 2137

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GBM, 226#, 6'1, lkng for a phone buddy. EXT. 2142

GWM, 48yo, lkng for romantic times w/GAM, 182#, who wants to kiss & have sexual times together. Pls call. EXT. 2143

Strt, married stud needs hot mouth & asshole to get me off on reg basis. EXT. 2144

GAM, 30yo, good shape, sks any race for fun activities — camping, sailing, weekend outings. EXT. 2145

Three the hard way. One Italn, one blk & you? If you like being in the middle or on the end, we've got what you need. All responses will be answered. EXT. 2259

Tight GLM butt needs plowing by attrac, serious, well-hung tops. Me: hndsm, 31yo, 5'8, 150#, drk hair, 'stache, swim bld, exclnt ckskr & hot smooth ass. Got the meat? (9" +) so fill it. EXT. 2260

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Yng white/Latino for rltshp w/older man, 21-30yo, slim, smooth, fem OK. Me: 47yo lks early 30s, 5'11, 165#, likes dancing, travel. Serious only. EXT. 2149

Lkng for yng friends. Cute, compassionate, friendly & funny WM, 31yo, 6'2, 190#, interested in meeting cln-shvn men under 25yo to pal around as friends. Also lkng for long-term rltshp w/someone special. EXT. 2150

Attrac, yng, 5'8, 135#, br/br, fun, wealthy, sexy, nice guy. Tell me how hot you are — and how much you need. EXT. 2151

Lkng for daddy — suit & tie top. I'm 5'8, 150#, 33yo. Let me lick your crotch, balls & dick. Fuck me? Afternoons best. EXT. 2152

Time on my hands daddy, HIV-, lkng for someone, 18-35yo, to take long walks & watch porno films. EXT. 2153

I like hung, older men. Smack my face w/your big cock. Force me to lick you wherever you want. EXT. 2154

Hairy bear, 6', 220#, 35yo, sks Latino males, 21-30yo, 5'5-9, must like outdoors, etc. Faded 501 jeans A+. EXT. 2155

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Hot Italn ex-football jock sks oral servicing on reg basis. All replies considered! EXT. 2248

Attrac, hung, 36yo GWM sks slender, musc, under 30yo GWM ckskr. Hours of fun! EXT. 2249

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Hot Italn offers serious oral serv on reg basis to men who enjoy prolonged licking. Try me. EXT. 2255

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the most beautiful of all? EXT. 2256

GBM, 27yo, 6'1, 170#, btm, sks GBM, masc top, 27-35yo, for fun/frndshp. Serious only. No ferns. Dark & hairy A+. EXT. 2158

Rltshp wanted w/modest financial assistance by 6' blnd, athletic GWM, smooth, 8", to continue bodybuilding. Discreet, have own prvt apt. Very flexible schedule. Open to any possibilities. No stress, hassles. I'm 35yo, HIV-. Sincere only. EXT. 2159

BWM, 50s, likes to get done, well-hung & cut, in S. Bay. I like small, slim men who like to suck. It is big. EXT. 2235

Shy, passive btm wants take-charge, dirty-talking dick feeder daddies. I like porn, cigs & hairy butts. EXT. 2236

Affectionate, hot, gym bod, blnd/bl, 46yo, 5'6, 150#, HIV-, uncut 6 1/2", vers, prof, likes to give gd massage & more. EXT. 2237

GWM, 42yo, 6', 180#, br/bl, skng in-shape, vers GBM, 30-55yo, for reg, hot, safe, day/leve fun. Hairy, hung, uncut A+. EXT. 2238

Naughty cross-dresser needs old-fashioned spanking. I'm 40yo, 5'6, slim, HIV+, healthy. You: daddy type, open-minded, safe. EXT. 2239

Head for gdlkng, slim Asians, 18-36yo, by gdlkng Italn, 36yo, 5'9, hairy, in shape. Lay back & let me suck your cock. Size isn't import. Try me, you'll be glad you did! EXT. 2240

Endowed guys who are 8" or 9" or larger are wanted by a hung guy for fun & gd times. EXT. 2241

HSW cock slave wants hot blk master(s), others OK tool Your wish is my command! EXT. 2242

Hot Italn ex-football jock needs butt pumped on reg basis. Call for description. All replies considered. EXT. 2243

Tall, gdlkng GWM, 32yo, br/br, slightly husky, wants reg suck sessions w/attrac men, 18-40yo. Kick back & relax & let me work your dick & balls, or put me on my knees & fuck my face. Thick meat A+. Recip not necessary. EXT. 2244

GWM sks man who likes BJ. I like to be your boy. Smoke while I blow. I'm 30yo, 135#, like to wear sweaters. Let me suck your raspberry. EXT. 2245

GWM, 32yo, br/br, tall, slightly chunky, gdlkng, thick juicy dick, always horny, needs reg cock & ball serv from attrac man, 18-40yo. Recip poss. EXT. 2246

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Writes Picardie, "We went on 'snatch batch' (women only) holidays, had dinner-date conversations about whether those outed Hollywood celebrities really are dykes, whether we should form a U.K. chapter of New York's all-female social club, Chicks With Dicks. Because we were confident, sociable, and into being outrageous — from dry-fucking our girlfriends on the dance floor to, at our most debauched, pissing in the street on the way home. If we couldn't change men, we began to care less about what they thought of our hairy armpits and our wanking habits."

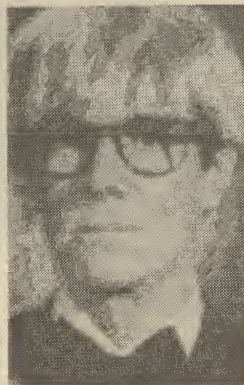
BENEFIT FOR GAY ROCK CRITIC: Bruce Harling writes that a benefit for L.A. rock critic Craig Lee will be held Sept. 4 at the Palace. Lee has an AIDS-related brain disorder. Twenty acts perform, including the Go-Go's.

ACLU WRITES TO PBS: As reported in *Variety* Aug. 21, the ACLU has joined in denouncing the cancellation of *Stop the Church* from PBS' P.O.V. series. In letters to various folks at PBS, the ACLU

quotes Congress' mandate that PBS' funder, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, "address the needs of unserved and underserved audiences" and be "free from extraneous interference and control" of programs' content.

CONDOM COMICS: The *Guardian* of London reports Aug. 16 that "the Terence Higgins Trust has launched a series of comic strip leaflets for circulation in gay pubs and clubs, setting out the need for condoms and alternatives to anal intercourse."

AUDEN PARADOX: In the Aug. 15 *Guardian*, Peter Forbes reviews *The Table Talk of W.H. Auden*, by Alan Ansen. "A neglected literary parallel, thrust beneath our noses by this quirky edition of talk, is that between Auden and Wilde. Auden too is much given to outrageous camp epigram, and both manage the difficult feat of making camp a basis of morality and art. The great paradox about Auden is this: how can the writer of the sanest, most liberal and chaste poetry in English of the 20th century also be the crotchety opinionated old fossicker of the *Table Talk*?"



RARE WARHOL:

Weekly *Variety* July 22 reports that one of the highlights of the Fifth N.Y. Lesbian and Gay Experimental Film Fest, Sept. 9-15, will be a screening of the only surviving print from a private collection of an unknown Andy Warhol short film featuring Viva, Joe Dallesandro, Brigid Polk and the late Nico and Ondine. World premieres include Su Friedrich's *First Comes Love* and the late Phil Zwicker's *Needlestick Nightmare*.

LAST JODIE ITEM OF THE WEEK: The *Globe* reports that "Jodie Foster stays up until the wee hours dusting and redusting and redusting." Positively scandalous!

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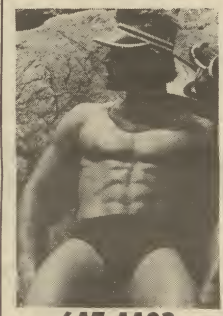
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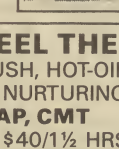


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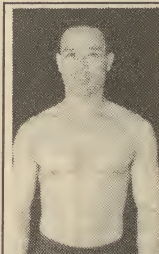
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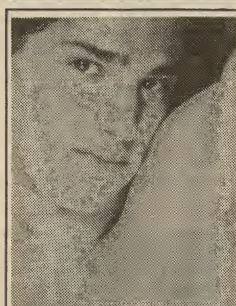
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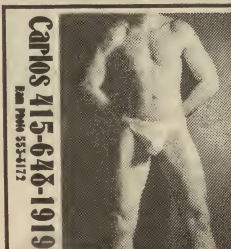
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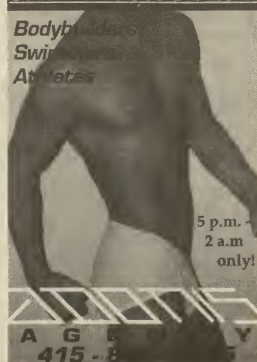
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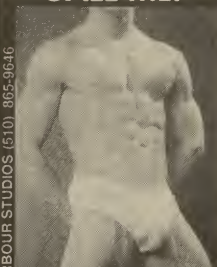
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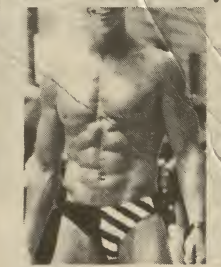
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Eric Passler Wins Leather Daddy's Boy 1991 Title

Fourteen younger men entered the Ninth Annual Leather Daddy's Boy Contest at the SF Eagle Sept. 1. I don't have to tell you another record crowd turned out for the annual AIDS Emergency Fund benefit. The sum of \$5,050 was raised by the contestants selling raffle tickets for donated items, through beer sales and exotic items which were auctioned off.

Danny Williams and SF Leather Daddy Joe Scibetta played "Can You Top This?" throughout their master of ceremony-ing and tossed out acerbic and often demeaning barbs at each other, the contestants, and the judges (one in particular).

Thankfully, none of the contestants revolted, but there was a lot of grumbling in the audience. At least the emcees weren't smoking, inebriated or chewing gum on stage. Except for the bitchiness, it was a top-notch job when you consider the tons of auction items sold. Now that I got it off my chest, shall we proceed?

The show started out with the Gregory Adams Boys' Night Out dancers which included porn star Brad Phillips. Spirited interpretation of some S/M gyrating, cop uniforms, a little bit of bondage and discipline all were very well received by the huge crowd on hand. The judges were Buddy Bowen, Don Thompson, Rick Salinas, Artist Cirby and yours truly.

The boy contestants were obliged to sell \$1 raffle tickets



Eric Passler won the 1991 Leather Daddy's Boy title over 13 other contestants last Sunday, Sept. 1 (Photo: Marcus)

for exotic prizes and after their intros, they fanned out



Leather Daddy's Boy '90 Mark Sponseller traded barbs with emcee Danny Williams at the Daddy's Boy Contest. It was a draw. (Photo: Marcus)

to sell them. Five points were added to the score of the man who sold the most tickets. As it turned out, the winner of the title sold the most — almost \$300 worth.

The great weather added to the beer consumption; the AEF volunteers at the door, cooking the hamburgers, serving the beer and keeping track of the auction money, deserve a big hand as do the Eagle bartenders and swamper. It was a tight fit at every turn. Even Stella got groped several times.

After the jock strap appearance, questions from the judges and raffle ticket prize distribution, the moment of truth arrived. Mr. Congeniality was John Bottom. Honest. The second runner-up was Rick Gorelnick, the first runner-up was Troy Marino, and Leather Daddy's Boy for 1991: Eric Passler.

Eric is 26 but will be 27 on Oct. 5. He hails from Atlanta and has lived here 1 1/2 years. You may have seen him around the leather campus. He visited San Francisco just before the '79 earthquake and moved here later on. He stands six feet even, weighs in at 165 lbs., is single, handsomely blondish and blue-eyed.

Eric has a good concept of being a leather title holder from the judges' point of view and we're looking forward to another good year. His last of-

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official function finally over, last year's boy, Mark Sponseller, tripped off with his one and only Bob to Pleasure-dome, which I've been told was wall-to-wall bodies and a mile-long queue out front. Thanks Mark, for a fun and profitable event.

Earlier in the week, the locals and the tourists were plenty busy. Friday night (Aug. 30), Amelia's manager, Susan Fahey, and her good pal Terri Warkentien celebrated their *\$¼ birthdays at Olive Oyl's (on Pier 50) with cocktails — many happy wishes and dancing ensued until quite late. They do look good for their ages, don't they?

Good turnout Saturday afternoon, Aug. 31, at the Lone Star for the Dress a Teddy Bear Contest. Judges B.A.R. cartoonist Fran Frisch, Mr. SF Leather Mitch Johnson and AEF Board Prez. Rick Salinas were faced with an array of teddy bears vying for prizes in best leather, most beautiful and most original. It was a fun afternoon beer bust and almost \$800 were raised for the AIDS Emergency Fund. I tell you, some of those bear outfits were outrageous.

After the Daddy's Boy Contest, Stephen Sutton's photo show formally opened at the Eagle. Very hot exhibition of leather-oriented b&w photos. Hey! You might even know one or more of the models. You should check this one out — hanging until Sept. 30.

A big, healthy group showed up at 890 Folsom for the Finale! party Sunday night, Sept. 1. Home to the SF Jacks, J/O Buddies, Premier Jacks, Club Dementia, PIGJO, QSM, The 15, Society of Janus, The Trough and Carnal Carnival to mention just a few, the building has been sold and Buzz Bense is breathing easy these days. The K'thar Sissies blessed the place and there were a lot of nostalgic conversations throughout.

Over at Civic Center, in spite of the great weather, the SF County Fair was more a ripoff than anything. It was \$5 to get in to spend more money on rides, etc. Low attendance and nothing unique or fun. Hey, they tried, they tried. Poor effort for "The City That Knows How."

Monday, Sept. 2, was the My Place Man Contest, but it was too late for my deadline. The winner will represent

that bar at the Mr. South of Market Contest on Friday, Sept. 13. Have you entered it yet? If you want an application, they're available at the Eagle or call 923-9811 and they'll mail you one.

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Have a hankering for fun and exotic things? Check these out:

Saturday, Sept. 7: Illustrated Men of Northern California present "Show Your Tats II" — a gathering of tattooed men from all over the area at the Lone Star Saloon from 1500-1900. Even as you read this, \$1 raffle tickets are on sale for six hours each of tattooing from Mad Dog and Bruce Lee. Only \$5 for the beer bust. Benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund. Be there, sir!

Tatiana's drag show at Kim's tonight at 2200. You saw the non-removable decorations in the afternoon, now see the removable kind. Press release didn't mention the cost. Put extra glue on your press-ons. So many entertainers, so little space.

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-8: Russian River Jazz Festival at 1100 both days at Johnson's Beach. Tickets are \$55 for both days at this late date. Always lots of hot leather men at this one.

Sunday, Sept. 8: Parking lot sale for the AIDS Emergency Fund in the gas station next to the Mint on Market St. from 1030-1800. Call 441-6407 if you have items you want to donate.

Wednesday, Sept. 11: Opening of artist Terry Hanson's oils at My Place, entitled "Glance Back." Reception for the artist at 1800 until 2100. The show hangs until Sept. 24. Hi, C.B. Nice seeing Wolfe and Greg last week. Where were you? Better yet, Where are you?

Weekend, Sept. 13-15: Pacific Bears MC Leatherfest at the RushRiv all weekend. Friday, cocktail reception at Triple R. Saturday, 1300-1500, Bear Bust at Fife's featuring that great C&W band, Wanted. Leather Ball at the Woods tonight for \$12.

Sunday, 1200-1600, the Mr. Pacific Bear Leather Contest at the Molly Brown's. Call "Grizzly" at (707) 869-0695 for details. Great way to kick off SF Leather Week.

Friday, Sept. 13: Mr. South of Market Contest at

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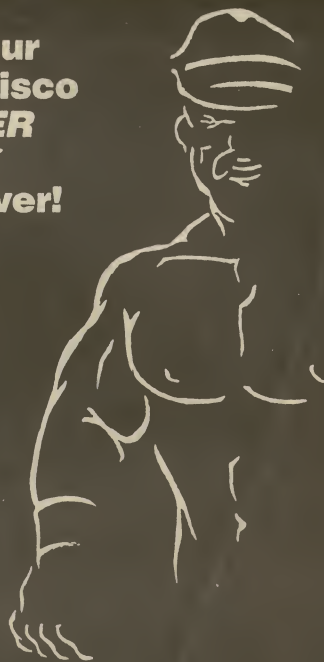
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The Gregory Adams Boys Night Out Dancers created quite a stir with their opening number (simulated) of lust and mayhem at the Daddy's Boy Contest.

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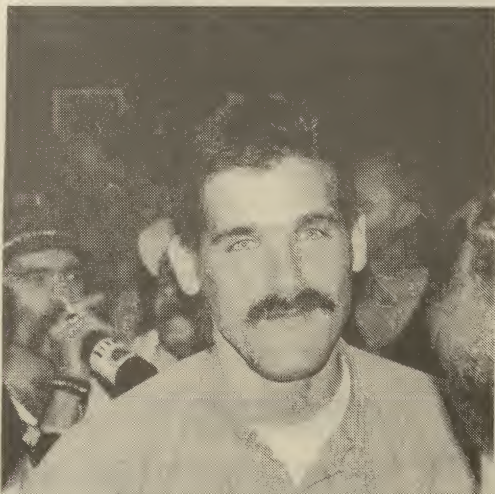
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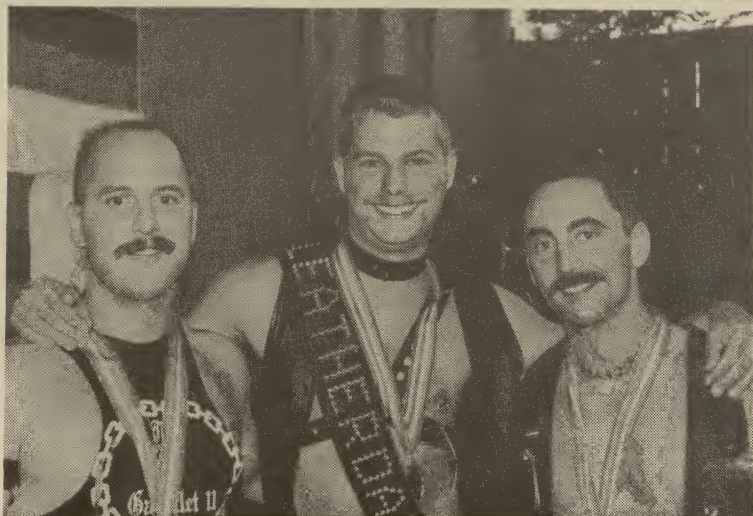
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Not all the beauty was on the stage at the Daddy's Boy Contest. Blue-eyed beauty Todd turned quite a few heads as well.

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Daddy's Boy Winners (l to r): Troy Marino, 1st runner-up; Eric Passler, the winner; Rick Gorelnick, 2nd runner-up. The whole affair raised over \$5,000 for the AEF. (Photo: Marcus)

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the Eagle at 2000 hours. \$8 beer bust; entertainment by The Fabulous Lypstynka; door prizes. Fun. Be there, sir! Benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Saturday, Sept. 14: Mr./Ms. Cheeks & Chaps Contest at the Eagle; 2000. See the most fabulous buns this side of Oakland. Make that Fresno!

Sunday, Sept. 15: Annual Blessing of the Bikes at the Eagle at 1400. Don't be riding around without some spiritual protection. Harry Harkness wants you all there.

There's a whole lot more coming your way. Next week, the entire Leather Week

schedule, leading up to the Mr. Drummer Finals (Sept. 20 and 21) and the Folsom Street Fair on Sunday, Sept. 22. Rest up now. It will be a busy, busy week. And all those tourists!!

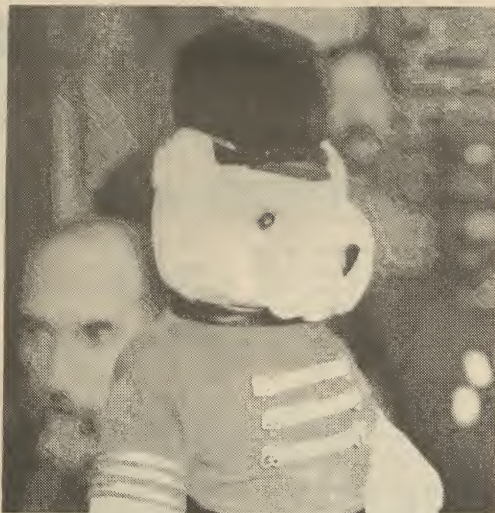
Thought you might want to know that lately, it seems like old times. Tim Vollmer will just vomit with pleasure to know it because he thought he was cheated out of the '70s scene.

Nevertheless, if you're of the sporting persuasion, just look at the clubs proliferating all over town. There's Father Frank's two locations on Tehama and Clementina; the new Headquarters at 933 Har-

rison; Orgasm at 6th & Folsom (formerly A Taste of Leather); the Night Gallery on Folsom; and the Black Stallion on Castro. I made a visit to a few last weekend. Things don't seem to have changed at all! Tim! You'll love it, without buying a ticket to Germany.

And by now you know The Special on Castro is no longer The Special. It's being called The Headquarters. Another attempt at a leather and uniform bar. I'm hearing good things about the staff on duty and they'll be hosting a reception for the Mr. Drummer contestants during Leather Week. It's about time

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Winner of the Most Unique Teddy Bear Costume in a marching band uniform. (Photo: Marcus)



Cap, chaps, cod-piece, harness and wrist band Bear won for the best leather category. (Photo: Marcus)



Winner of the most elegant bear category was draped in a velvet robe, silk ascot and velvet slippers. (Photo: Marcus)

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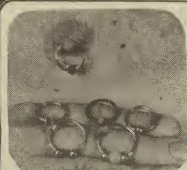
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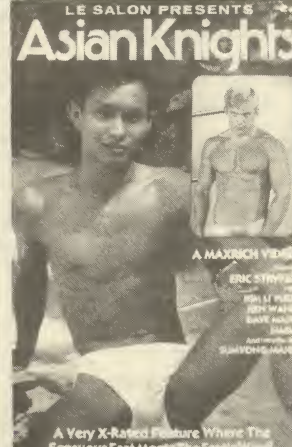
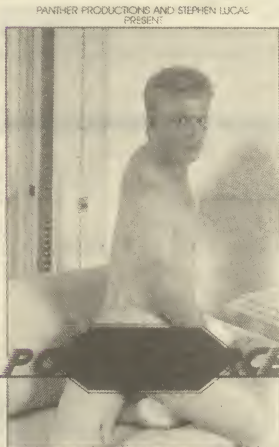
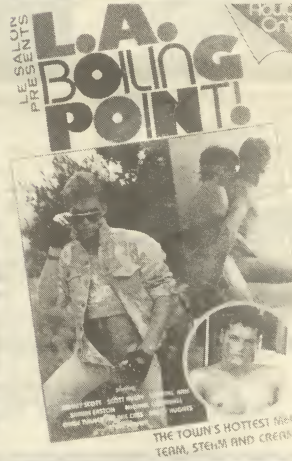
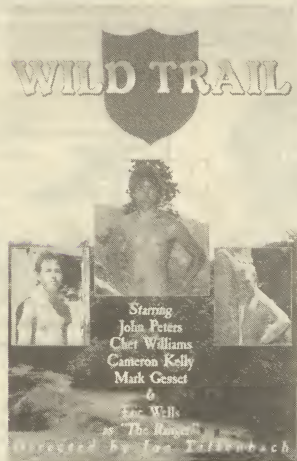
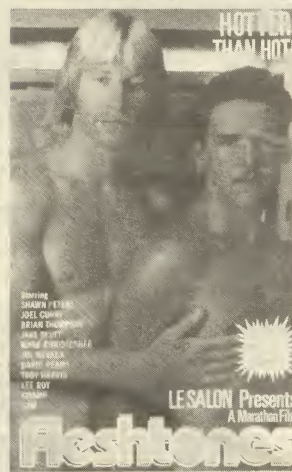
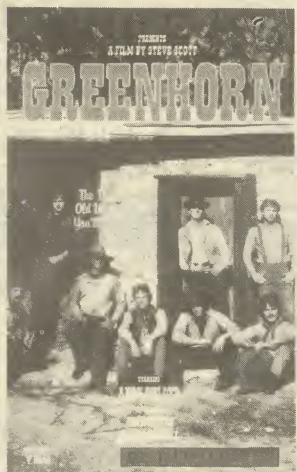
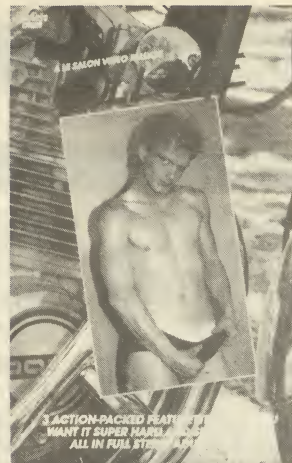
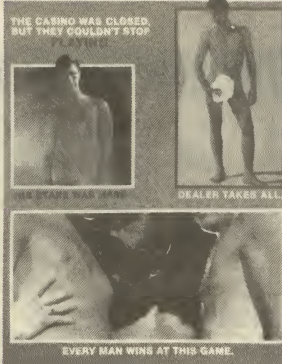
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